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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004]**

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4 There is no reportable action as a result of the Board of
5 Supervisors' closed session held today.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND
10 ASK THAT YOU ALL PLEASE RISE. SHH. CAN I HAVE EVERYONE'S
11 ATTENTION. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION TODAY BY RABBI
12 DAVID I. LIEB FROM THE TEMPLE BETH EL IN SAN PEDRO. OUR PLEDGE
13 OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY BERTRAM MILLER, MEMBER OF SAN
14 FERNANDO VALLEY POST NUMBER 603, JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE
15 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. RABBI?

16

17 **RABBI DAVID I. LIEB:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. IN MY TRADITION,
18 BEFORE WE PRAY, WE ALSO LEARN, AND, AS I WAS THINKING WHAT TO
19 TEACH AND STUDY WITH YOU THIS MORNING, I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR
20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS BLESSING ON A TUESDAY BECAUSE, AS
21 WE UNDERSTAND THE MYTHOLOGIES OF GENESIS, THE CREATION STORIES
22 OF GENESIS, THE THIRD DAY OF THE WEEK, TUESDAY, IS A GOOD DAY
23 FOR BLESSING. IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR WEDDINGS. THE TALMUD TEACHES
24 THAT IT'S A GOOD DAY TO BLESS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. IT'S A GOOD DAY BECAUSE, IN THE CREATION STORIES



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1 OF GENESIS, THE THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, IS THE ONLY DAY AT WHICH
2 GOD LOOKS BACK UPON THE WORK OF CREATION AND SAYS "KETOTH,"
3 "THIS IS GOOD," TWICE. TWO TIMES, GOD REFLECTS ON WHAT HAS
4 BEEN CREATED ON TUESDAY AND SAID, "THIS IS GOOD, THIS IS
5 GOOD." AND, FOR THAT REASON, TUESDAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR
6 OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY. SO, HAVING LEARNED THAT, WE PRAY THIS
7 MORNING FOR TWICE AS MUCH GOODNESS IN OUR WORLD SO THAT, ON
8 SOME OTHER TUESDAY, WE MAY LOOK AT WHAT HAS BEEN CREATED IN
9 THIS PLACE FOR OUR COUNTY, FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND WE MAY SAY TO
10 THE GOD OF ALL OF HUMANKIND, OH, GOD, IN A WORLD OF LIMITED
11 RESOURCES, WE PRAY FOR TWICE AS MUCH GOODNESS. WE PRAY FOR
12 THOUGHTFUL CHOICE. WE PRAY FOR CREATIVE WISDOM. WE PRAY FOR
13 TWICE AS MUCH HOPE AND POSSIBILITY. IN YOUR IMAGE, GOD, WE
14 PRAY TO CREATE. MAY WE CREATE COMFORT AND COMPANIONSHIP FOR
15 THE LOST AND THE LONELY. MAY WE CREATE HEALING AND
16 REHABILITATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE BROKEN OF BODY AND SPIRIT.
17 MAY WE CREATE A COUNTY WHERE THE SOUND OF MUSIC AND THE BEAUTY
18 OF ART ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SOUND OF VIOLENCE AND THE
19 UGLINESS OF DEATH. MAY WE CREATE LEARNING THAT ENRICHES AND
20 MAY WE CREATE LABOR THAT DIGNIFIES THE SPIRIT AND THE PROMISE
21 OF THE MEN AND THE WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN OF THIS BELOVED
22 COUNTY. MAY WE CREATE PROMISE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND PRIDE FOR
23 THEIR PARENTS. MAY WE CREATE AIR AND WATER AND LAND AS
24 PRISTINE AS IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF TIME. AND MAY THE
25 LEADERSHIP OF THIS COUNTY, MAY THIS DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS, MAY THEY LEAD US ALL TO A VISION OF EQUALITY AND
2 SAFETY AND TRUST BETWEEN ALL OF THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
3 VAST DIVERSITY AND EXCITEMENT OF THIS MARVELOUS PLACE IN WHICH
4 WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO LIVE. MAY WE WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE JOIN
5 WITH YOU, THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS COUNTY. MAY SOME DAY, MAY WE
6 LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND MAY WE ALSO BE PRIVILEGED TO SAY
7 TWICE, "KETOTH, THIS IS GOOD." "KETOTH, THIS IS REALLY,
8 REALLY, REALLY, VERY, VERY GOOD," AND WE ALL SAY AMEN. [
9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S MY PLEASURE THIS MORNING TO PRESENT
12 THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO RABBI DAVID LIEB. HE'S
13 JOINED BY HIS WIFE, ESTELLE. HE HAS BEEN THE SPIRITUAL LEADER
14 OF BETH EL IN SAN PEDRO FOR OVER 25 YEARS, BORN AND RAISED IN
15 CHICAGO, ANOTHER FELLOW ILLINOISAN. ALL RIGHT. GO CUBS! THAT'S
16 RIGHT! RECEIVED HIS B.A. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. HE
17 WAS ORDAINED AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE IN CINCINNATI. HE SERVED
18 AS ARMY CHAPLAIN FOR TWO YEARS. HE BECAME RABBI OF TEMPLE BETH
19 EL IN 1971. HE'S BEEN A VERY ACTIVE LEADER NOT ONLY WITHIN HIS
20 OWN COMMUNITY BUT THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, AS WELL, TOO. HE
21 SERVES ON THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RELIGIOUS LIVING, THE
22 SOUTH BAY HARBOR INTERRELIGIOUS COUNCIL, THE SOUTHERN REGION
23 FEDERATION COUNCIL, AND OTHER JEWISH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL
24 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE
25 OF AMERICAN RABBIS. HE'S RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS, HAS BEEN



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1 AWARDED A DOCTORATE OF DIVINITY FROM HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.
2 IT'S MY PLEASURE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE RABBI FOR TAKING THE
3 TIME TO LEAD US IN THIS WONDERFUL INVOCATION. THANK YOU. [
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
7 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY BERTRAM L. MILLER. BERT IS A
8 RESIDENT OF SHERMAN OAKS AND IS REPRESENTING SAN FERNANDO POST
9 603 OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES. HE SERVED
10 AS CAPTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS FROM 1942
11 THROUGH 1945, IN THE 376TH BOMBER GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN
12 THEATRE, IN THE BATTLES FOR AFRICA IN ITALY. HE RECEIVED THE
13 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, AIRMAN'S MEDAL, EUROPEAN AFRICAN
14 MID-EAST CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH TWO STARS, WORLD WAR II VICTORY
15 MEDAL AND NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S A PHOTOGRAPHY
16 SALESMAN IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND HE ALSO HALES FROM
17 ILLINOIS. HE WENT TO FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL IN CHICAGO,
18 ILLINOIS, AND ATTENDED ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN
19 CHICAGO AND U.C.L.A. SO, BERT, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
20 TO OUR COUNTRY AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING.
21 [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU BOTH AND WE WILL PROCEED
24 WITH THE AGENDA.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT'S 1-H.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
12 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P AND 2-P.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND ITEM 1-P RELATES TO AGENDA NUMBER 31 AS
15 WELL. THAT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 20.
19 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, HOLD FOR A
20 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
21 KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
25 SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 21 THROUGH
3 24. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,
10 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
11 ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 25.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
16 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ON ITEM 26,
19 HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 27.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR
2 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 28 AND 29. ON ITEM
5 NUMBER 28, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
6 CONTINUANCE AND I ALSO HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
7 PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS GENEVIEVE IN THE ROOM? YOU WANT TO
10 SPEAK TO THAT OR YOU-- YOU DO? OKAY. SO WE'LL ALLOW HER TO
11 SPEAK, THEN. IT WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. SO ITEM 29 IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH. ON ITEM 30, HOLD FOR A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 31 THROUGH
24 33. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT HOLD, THE REMAINING BEFORE US, MOVED
2 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION, ITEM 34.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
8 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 58. I HAVE
11 THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 38, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH. AND, ON ITEM 51, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
13 THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 24, SHERIFF, ITEMS 59 AND 60.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
21 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 61.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
2 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEM 62
5 AND, ON 63, I JUST NEED TO NOTE THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
6 OFFICER IS RECOMMENDING TO DENY THE CITY'S REQUEST. THOSE TWO
7 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. OKAY?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HOLD-- WE'LL HOLD IT. WE'LL HOLD IT, HOLD
10 63. AND THEN-- OKAY. ON THE REMAINDER, ON ITEM 62, MOVED BY--
11 BLESS YOU-- MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR WILL
12 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE
13 OF STAFF. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, AN ORDINANCE
16 AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
17 RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN.
18 THE CHOICES HEALTHCARE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN AND THE LOCAL 660
19 CAFETERIA PLAN. AND WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA. ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 65.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE HOLDING NUMBER 63 AND WE'RE HOLDING
23 NUMBER 64.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SO ITEM 65 IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
3 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 66, IS THE
6 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF DOWNEY UNIFIED
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2002 ELECTION SERIES
9 B IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20 MILLION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
15 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
16 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
17 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
18 ITEM 67-A, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 67-B IS BEFORE YOU AND, FOR THE
23 RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO".

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO HOLD THAT? OKAY. WE'LL HOLD
2 IT.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WHICH ONE? ON--

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** REVIEW AND REPORT BACK.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT IT IS. IT'S JUST A REPORT BACK.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT JUST A REPORT BACK. IT'S ACTUALLY
11 FOR AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD IT THEN WE CAN HAVE THAT
14 DISCUSSION. THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE A BETTER IDEA.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. WE'RE HOLDING 67-B. AND ITEM 67-C
17 IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN ON THE "A" LIST, ITEM A-2, WE'RE
23 GOING TO HOLD THAT FOR A REPORT. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
24 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH
25 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PRIOR TO THAT, I DO HAVE A PRESENTATION, SO

3 I'D LIKE TO WELCOME MY NEW CONSUL-GENERAL. LADIES AND

4 GENTLEMEN, TODAY WE ARE WELCOMING FINLAND'S NEW CONSUL-

5 GENERAL, THE HONORABLE MANU VIRTAMO TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

6 SHH. COULD WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE, ON THE SIDE WINGS

7 OVER HERE? CONSUL-GENERAL VIRTAMO WAS BORN IN HELSINKI,

8 FINLAND. IN 1979, HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL

9 HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THE

10 UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI. CONSUL-GENERAL VIRTAMO'S DIPLOMATIC

11 CAREER BEGAN IN 1980 WHEN HE JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

12 AFFAIRS. SINCE THAT TIME, HE HAS HELD RESPONSIBLE POSTINGS IN

13 FINLAND, FRANCE, AND THE EMBASSY OF FINLAND IN WASHINGTON,

14 D.C., WHERE HE SPENT THE LAST FOUR YEARS. CONSUL-GENERAL

15 VIRTAMO WAS ACCREDITED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

16 STATE ON MARCH 17TH, 2004, AS A CONSUL-GENERAL OF FINLAND IN

17 LOS ANGELES. HE IS JOINED BY HIS WIFE, LISA-- IS LISA? YEAH.

18 IS SHE HERE? OKAY. WHO IS NO STRANGER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

19 IN 1973, AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT, SHE GRADUATED FROM NORWALK

20 HIGH SCHOOL WITH HONORS. THEY'RE ALSO JOINED HERE AS WELL BY

21 THEIR THREE CHILDREN. WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM, THE

22 CONSUL-GENERAL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR

23 FAMILY ENJOY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE

24 IN RECOGNITION OF A WARM WELCOME WE EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR



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1 FAMILY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU DURING YOUR
2 TENURE. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **CONSUL-GENERAL VIRTAMO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED BOARD
5 MEMBERS, I'M HONORED FOR THIS COMMEMORATION AND I JUST HAVE TO
6 SAY, ME AND MY FAMILY HAVE BEEN SO WARMLY WELCOMED TO
7 CALIFORNIA. IT'S HARDLY HAPPENED ANYWHERE ELSE WHERE WE HAVE
8 BEEN DURING MY CAREER. THAT HAS, OF COURSE, HELPED US IN
9 SETTLING DOWN IN THIS AREA AND ME, PERSONALLY, IT HELPS IN MY
10 JOB BE IT ASSISTING FINNISH COMPANIES IN THEIR EFFORTS IN
11 GETTING INTO THIS BIG AND VERY TEMPTING MARKETS, PROMOTING
12 DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF FINNISH CULTURE OR HELPING OUR COUNTRYMEN
13 IN THEIR DIFFERENT NEEDS. AND I HOPE I DON'T SOUND TOO NAIVE
14 WHEN I SAY THAT THIS IS REALLY A DREAM POST FOR ME AND, AS MR.
15 CHAIRMAN ALSO REFERRED TO, OUR-- MY FAMILY'S CALIFORNIA
16 HISTORY GOING BACK MORE THAN 30 YEARS TO NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL,
17 WHERE MY WIFE WAS THEN STUDYING. WE ALREADY THEN HAD A DREAM
18 TO COME BACK HERE TOGETHER ONE DAY AND WE HAD TO WAIT FOR MORE
19 THAN 30 YEARS BUT I THINK IT WAS WORTH IT. THANK YOU. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE JUST HAVE A LITTLE PUPPY, HER NAME IS
25 SASHA. SHE'S 16 WEEKS OLD AND SHE'S A SHEPHERD MIX. SO THIS IS



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1 LITTLE SASHA. SHE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. THOSE WHO ARE
2 WATCHING ON TELEVISION CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 562-728-
3 4644, OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE. THEY PUT IT ON CHANNEL 2 AND
4 FIND A HOME OR ONE OF THE OTHER CHANNELS. CHANNEL 9, SAME
5 CHANNEL, CHANNEL 4. LITTLE SASHA IS LOOKING FOR A HOME SO
6 ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT HER.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BEFORE WE GO TO SUPERVISOR
9 BURKE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS WITHDRAWN HIS HOLD ON ITEM
10 33, AND HE MOVES IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS DENIM DAY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL
14 JENNIFER LUCK AND ANDREE MORIN FORWARD. WELL, THIS ISN'T DENIM
15 DAY, BUT... AS THEY'RE COMING FORWARD, WEARING JEANS DURING
16 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL
17 OF PROTEST OF HARMFUL ATTITUDES ABOUT RAPE IN 1999. THIS WAS
18 IN RESPONSE TO AN ITALIAN SUPREME COURT DECISION TO OVERTURNED
19 A RAPE CONVICTION BECAUSE THE VICTIM WAS WEARING JEANS. THE
20 JUSTICE'S REASON, THAT THE VICTIM MUST HAVE HELPED HER
21 ATTACKER REMOVE HER JEANS WHICH THEY FELT IMPLIED CONSENT.
22 WOMEN IN THE ITALIAN LEGISLATURE PROTESTED THE DECISION BY
23 WEARING JEANS. AS NEWS OF THE DECISION SPREAD, SO DID THE
24 PROTESTS. IT CULMINATED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON
25 ASSAULT AGAINST WOMEN ESTABLISHING THE FIRST ANNUAL DENIM DAY



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1 IN LOS ANGELES IN APRIL, 1999. EVER SINCE, THE COMMISSION HAS
2 ORGANIZED DENIM DAY IN LOS ANGELES, ASKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
3 ELECTED OFFICIALS, BUSINESS AND STUDENTS TO WEAR JEANS AS A
4 VISIBLE MEANS OF PROTEST AGAINST THE MYTHS THAT SURROUND
5 SEXUAL ASSAULT. DENIM DAY IN LOS ANGELES LAST YEAR HAD MORE
6 THAN 55,000 PARTICIPANTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. NEXT MONDAY,
7 APRIL 19TH, A "DENIM DAY" RALLY SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD IN THE MALL AREA. TODAY, I'M VERY
9 PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL PROCLAIMING DENIM DAY IN LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY TO JENNIFER LUCK AND ANDREE MORIN, BOTH WITH
11 THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON ASSAULTS AGAINST WOMEN. [
12 APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
15 "DENIM DAY" IN LOS ANGELES AND THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING DENIM DAY AS WELL. EVERY TWO
17 MINUTES IN THIS COUNTRY, A WOMAN IN THIS COUNTRY IS RAPED AND
18 IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE TALK ABOUT THE CRIME OF SEXUAL
19 ASSAULT AND RAPE. THE PURPOSE OF DENIM DAY IS TO RAISE
20 AWARENESS AND DISPEL MYTHS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE. AND
21 SO WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN DENIM
22 DAY AND MAKE A SOCIAL STATEMENT WITH YOUR FASHION STATEMENT BY
23 WEARING JEANS ON APRIL 21ST. YOU CAN GO TO
24 WWW.DENIMDAYINLA.ORG TO REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ALSO
25 TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR RALLY AND SPEAKOUT THAT WILL TAKE



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1 PLACE HERE AT THE CIVIC CENTER MALL ON APRIL 21ST FROM 11:30
2 TO 1:30. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** I ANNOUNCED THE WRONG TIME. IT'S ON THE 21ST, NOT
5 THE 19TH, THAT YOU HAVE THE RALLY.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, THE 21ST.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IT'S ALSO THE 21ST THAT'S DENIM DAY, AND
10 EVERYONE IS ASKED TO WEAR DENIM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D NOW LIKE TO CALL JOAN JACKSON AND STEPHANIE
13 TOMBRELLO TO FORWARD. THE NUMBER ONE PREVENTABLE CAUSE OF
14 DEATH AND INJURY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IS AUTO
15 COLLISIONS. SOME 150 CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OLD DIE EVERY
16 YEAR AS A RESULT OF CAR ACCIDENTS AND MORE THAN 24,000 ARE
17 INJURED. IT'S BELIEVED THAT MORE THAN 70% OF THE CHILDREN WHO
18 DIE WOULD BE ALIVE TODAY IF THEY HAD BEEN PROPERLY RESTRAINED
19 IN CRASH-TESTED SAFETY BELTS. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS
20 RULED THAT, UNTIL A CHILD IS AT LEAST SIX YEARS OLD AND WEIGHS
21 60 POUNDS, THEY MUST BE RESTRAINED IN CHILD SAFETY SEATS AT
22 ALL TIMES WHEN RIDING IN A VEHICLE. HOWEVER, THE STUDIES SHOW
23 THAT 60% OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN ARE REGULARLY PLACED IN
24 PROPERLY-DESIGNED SEATS EVERY TIME THEY RIDE IN A CAR. OR NOT
25 PLACED IN-- ACTUALLY, 60% ARE NOT PLACED IN A CAR CORRECTLY.



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1 THIS IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT SAFETY SEATS ARE MODERATELY
2 PRICED AND WIDELY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN RETAIL STORES.
3 THEY'RE ALSO AVAILABLE AT LOW COST FROM CAR SAFETY SEAT
4 DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. I HEREBY PROCLAIM
5 THE WEEK OF APRIL 18TH THROUGH APRIL 24TH AS "SAFETY SEAT
6 CHECKUP WEEK" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I URGE
7 ALL PARENTS AND ADULTS WHO TRANSPORT YOUNG CHILDREN TO PAY
8 SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE AND TO USE
9 PROPERLY DESIGNED RESTRAINTS EVERY TIME THEY USE THEIR CAR.
10 I'M SURE IT'S, YOU KNOW, A TEMPTATION TO PUT A CHILD IN THE
11 FRONT SEAT, HOLD THE CHILD ON YOUR LAP, BUT THE MOST SAFE
12 THING AND THE THING THAT IS REALLY REQUIRED IF YOU WANT TO
13 PROTECT THEM IS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE IN A PROPER SAFETY SEAT.
14 AND SITTING IN THE BACK. CORRECT? SIT THEM IN THE BACK. AND SO
15 HERE TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL, JOAN JACKSON, PRESIDENT OF THE
16 BOARDS OF DIRECTORS SAFETY SEATBELT SEAT, U.S.A., AND
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEPHANIE TOMBRELLO. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **STEPHANIE TOMBRELLO:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 FOR RECOGNIZING THIS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM, WHICH WE'VE BEEN
21 WORKING ON FOR MANY YEARS. I WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO
22 CONSIDER ATTENDING, IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN, SAFETY SEAT
23 CHECKUP DAY AT THE PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM IN LOS ANGELES
24 ON THE 24TH OF APRIL. APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE, TO MAKE IT
25 EASIER, AND, WE, AT THAT POINT, WILL CHECK THE SAFETY SEATS



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1 FOR CORRECT USE. WE USUALLY FIND MORE THAN 90% OF THE SEATS
2 ARE NOT PROPERLY USED BUT THE PARENTS BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE.
3 THEY COME JUST TO BE TOLD THAT EVERYTHING'S FINE. SO BE AWARE
4 THAT MOST CHILDREN ARE NOT PROPERLY BUCKLED UP AND THIS IS
5 VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CONTINUED SAFETY AND HEALTH. THANKS
6 AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** IS COLLEEN WILSON HERE? WELL, WHEN COLLEEN COMES
9 IN, WOMEN TEMPERANCE UNION, WE'LL RECOGNIZE HER.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IF I COULD ASK ANN
14 MARTIN AND HER CREW TO COME UP HERE, DAVE CLARK. THERE'S DAVE.
15 MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL
16 OF PLEASURE TO HONOR KCBS T.V. AND KCAL T.V. FOR A PUBLIC
17 SERVICE THEY PROVIDED TO OUR COUNTY AND TO EVERYBODY WITHIN
18 THE SOUND OF THEIR VOICE AND THEIR SCREEN. KCBS AND KCAL
19 LAUNCHED A MAJOR PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGN ON EMERGENCY
20 PREPAREDNESS IN 2003 USING THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY SURVIVAL
21 PROGRAM AS ITS CORNERSTONE. THE STATIONS MADE AN UNPRECEDENTED
22 COMMITMENT TO PRODUCE AND BROADCAST SPECIAL NEWS PROGRAMMING,
23 LIVE SPECIAL EVENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE SAFE
24 AT HOME CAMPAIGN, AS IT WAS CALLED, GAVE VITAL,
25 STRAIGHTFORWARD, IN-DEPTH AND NON-ALARMING INFORMATION TO HELP



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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S 15 MILLION RESIDENTS PREPARE FOR ANY
2 NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER. THE STATIONS HAVE ALSO INCLUDED
3 THE COUNTY EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAMS ANNUAL INFORMATION WEB
4 SITES TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO STAY INFORMED AND STAY SAFE AT
5 HOME. I WANT TO RESOLVE, WITH THIS RESOLUTION, THAT THE BOARD
6 OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMEND KCBS AND KCAL FOR
7 THEIR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF THE
8 PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY IN PROMOTING THE CAUSE OF EMERGENCY
9 PREPAREDNESS AND THEY ARE EXTENDED SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR
10 CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN,
11 I WILL JUST SAY THAT, IN A REGION THAT IS SO IMPACTED BY
12 DISASTERS, WHETHER IT'S EARTHQUAKES OR FLOODS OR FIRES, ONE OF
13 THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IS TO-- ONE OF THE GREAT
14 OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE IS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
15 CHILDREN, ABOUT WHAT THESE DISASTERS ARE, WHAT THEY CAN
16 EXPECT, HOW THEY CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES, INOCULATE THEMSELVES
17 AGAINST POTENTIAL INJURY, BUT JUST INFORM THEM. I KNOW THAT,
18 IN OUR OWN HOUSEHOLD, WHERE EARTHQUAKES WERE THE SUBJECT OF
19 CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION, AND THE GREAT WORK THAT THE MEDIA
20 HAS DONE, ESPECIALLY IN THIS CASE, KCBS AND KCAL, IN EDUCATING
21 AND REASSURING YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE
22 POPULATION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD AND, OF
23 COURSE, IT MAKES US ALL BETTER PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE
24 EMERGENCY WHEN THE EMERGENCY ARISES. AND SO I, ON BEHALF OF
25 ALL OF US, I WANT TO THANK YOU. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS ONE



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1 OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES ON THIS BOARD. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY
2 FOR IT COUNTYWIDE BUT, WITHOUT THE MEDIA, WITHOUT A
3 RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC-SPIRITED MEDIA, WE CAN'T COMMUNICATE, WE
4 CAN'T DO OUR JOB. SO THANKS FOR THE PARTNERSHIP AND WE LOOK
5 FORWARD TO DOING IT IN THE YEARS AHEAD. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COME ON UP HERE A SECOND. I WANT TO
8 INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE. FIRST I'M GOING TO ASK PATRICK
9 MACLENNAHAN, WHO'S THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL
10 MANAGER FOR KCBS, KCAL, TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS. HE'S
11 JOINED BY ANN MARTIN, A NEWS ANCHOR WHO STARTED AS AN ANCHOR
12 WHEN SHE WAS SIX. DAVE CLARK, WHO IS ALSO NEWS ANCHOR AND WELL
13 KNOWN TO ALL OF US, AND STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ IS DIRECTOR OF
14 PUBLIC AFFAIRS. WHY DON'T WE START WITH PATRICK. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **PATRICK MACLENNAHAN:** MY NAME IS PATRICK MACLENNAHAN, I'M
17 SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND STATION MANAGER OF KCAL AND KCBS. ON
18 BEHALF OF OUR GENERAL MANAGER, DON CORSINI, AND OUR PARENT
19 COMPANY, VIACOM, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION.
20 BUT WE TRULY SEE THIS AS A MAJOR PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
21 THE COMMUNITY. IN FACT, THE TOPIC OF THIS SUBJECT CAME FROM
22 THE COMMUNITY ITSELF AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TOLD US THAT
23 THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE TO THEM IN THIS DAY AND AGE IS SAFETY AT
24 HOME, IN THE COMMUNITIES, IN THE HOMES IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND
25 RAISE THEIR CHILDREN. SO WE-- THIS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT



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1 OF FIVE COUNTIES BUT PARTICULARLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
2 WHOSE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WROTE THE E.S.P. PROGRAM
3 UPON WHICH THIS WAS BASED, AND YOU HAVE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
4 AND COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE WITH PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS JUST
5 LIKE THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL SEE THAT ON "NEWS AT 11:00". [
8 LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST ADD, KCAL AND KCBS WERE ALSO
11 VERY HONORABLE SUPPORTERS OF OUR OPERATION READ PROGRAM AND
12 COVERING THE LORD OF THE RINGS EVENT, SO WE APPRECIATE THAT AS
13 WELL, TOO. COLLEAGUES AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY
14 PLEASURE TO CALL FORWARD THIS MORNING THE PALOS VERDES
15 PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, THEIR COACH, BOB
16 WILSON, WILTON, EXCUSE ME, BOB. THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
17 HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL KELLY JOHNSON AND WE ALSO HAVE SOME
18 BOARD MEMBERS WITH US TODAY: BARBARA LUCKY, ELLEN PERKINS, AND
19 GABRIELA HOLT. I ASK THEM TO JOIN US UP HERE AND THEY'LL BE
20 STAYING UP HERE. THE PANTHERS GIRLS GOLF TEAM HAD AN
21 OUTSTANDING SEASON THIS YEAR AND WINNING THE 2003 BAY LEAGUE
22 CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A 20-AND-0 RECORD, UNDEFEATED. THEY WERE THE
23 2003 CALIFORNIA STATE-- OH, WAIT. BRING DOWN THE NOISE HERE A
24 LITTLE BIT. THEY ALSO WON THE 2003 CALIFORNIA STATE C.I.F.
25 CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A SCORE OF 395, WHICH IS A STATE RECORD.



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1 OTHER HONORS FOR THIS REMARKABLE TEAM INCLUDED THE 2003
2 CENTRAL C.I.F. CHAMPIONS, SCORE RECORD OF 376. 2003 SOUTHERN
3 SECTION C.I.F. RUNNER UP WITH A 400 TO 2 SCORE, TWO -- WE'LL
4 GET IT ALL TOGETHER HERE-- 2003 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH
5 SCHOOL CHAMPIONS AND THE 2003 KNABE CUP, FIRST TIME EVER FOR
6 THE GIRLS, A 374, WHICH IS ALSO A RECORD. THEY WON THE BURBANK
7 TOURNAMENT FIRST PLACE, THEY CAME IN SECOND IN THE ALHAMBRA
8 TOURNAMENT, AND SPECIAL AWARDS GIVEN OUT TO TEAM MEMBERS THIS
9 PAST YEAR, INCLUDING THE MVP AWARDS TO JANE LEE, COLETTE LOW,
10 ANNIKA WINDON, SHANNON YOAKUM, AND A SPECIAL COACHES AWARD
11 GIVEN TO MAURICO MACABE AND JANE PARK, AND MAURICO'S WAS FOR
12 COURAGE AND JANE'S WAS FOR TEAM HIGH 4.4 G.P.A. SO WE WANT TO
13 CONGRATULATE THE GIRLS. WE HAD THEM UPSTAIRS. WE PRESENTED
14 THEM THEIR SCROLLS INDIVIDUALLY. WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO
15 TENNIS TEAM FOLLOW THEM BUT, AS I TOLD THE KIDS UPSTAIRS,
16 PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL IN PALOS VERDES, WE HAVE THIS HIGH
17 SCHOOL DOWN HERE AS MANY TIMES FOR ACADEMICS AS WE DO FOR
18 ATHLETICS, AND WHAT A GREAT BALANCE. SO TO-- COACH, IF YOU'LL
19 COME ON UP HERE, WE'LL GET THE GIRLS AROUND US AND
20 CONGRATULATIONS ON A PHENOMENAL YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'VE GOT ONE MORE. YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A
23 PICTURE. COACH, YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** GO AHEAD.



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2 **SPEAKER:** IT'S MY HONOR TO HAVE BEEN WITH THESE GIRLS FOR THE
3 LAST THREE YEARS. WE'VE WON TWO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THEY
4 ARE TRULY SCHOLAR ATHLETES. THE AVERAGE GRADE POINT ON THIS
5 TEAM IS 3.888, WEIGHTED, AND 3.6 NON-WEIGHTED. SO THEY ARE NOT
6 ONLY GREAT ATHLETES, THEY ARE GREAT SCHOLARS, TOO. THANK YOU.
7 [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. SHE'S THE DEFENDING CHAMP OF
10 THE KNABE CUP. SHE'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR. HEY, COACH? COACH?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CONGRATULATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE'LL CALL UP THE PALOS VERDES HIGH
15 SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM AND WE HAVE COACH TOM COX, COACH
16 MICHAEL HAGAR. AGAIN, WE HAVE THE PRINCIPAL, KELLY JOHNSON AND
17 MEMBERS BARBARA LUCKY ELLEN AND GABRIELA HERE AS WELL. THE
18 PANTHER GIRLS TENNIS TEAM ALSO HAD AN OUTSTANDING SEASON THIS
19 PAST YEAR BY WINNING THE 2003 BAY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE
20 12TH TIME OUT OF THE LAST 13 YEARS, AND THEY WERE THE 2003
21 C.I.F. DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS, HAVING WON 11 DIVISION 1
22 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE LAST 13 YEARS. THEY ALSO WON THE 2003
23 C.I.F. DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, THE
24 TEAM TOOK THE TITLE OF C.I.F. CHAMPION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
25 AFTER DEFEATING RIVAL TEAM, BEVERLY HILLS. THEY RECORDED 11-7



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1 SWEEPS FROM THE DOUBLES AND SPECIAL AWARDS WERE GIVEN OUT TO
2 TEAM MEMBERS THIS PAST YEAR, INCLUDING M.V.P. AWARDS TO-- TO--
3 IS IT ALEXIA? ALEX. OKAY. IT'S NOT A MISPRINT. ALEX HURWITZ,
4 MCCAUL HARKINS, AND MOST INSPIRATIONAL AWARD TO PAIGE WEBBER.
5 AND, IN THAT DOUBLES TEAM, IT WAS MCCAUL, HARKINS, PAGE
6 WEBBER, AND ERIKA SCHWIER AND EMILY ASTON. I APOLOGIZE FOR
7 THAT. ANYWAY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE TENNIS TEAM ONCE
8 AGAIN AND TO COACH COX AND COACH HAGAR FOR AN OUTSTANDING 2003
9 AND CONTINUED SUCCESS. YOU KNOW, 12 OUT OF 13 YEARS IS PRETTY
10 CONTINUING BUT WE WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S VERY NICE
11 TO HAVE YOU DOWN HERE AGAIN. WE PRESENTED THE INDIVIDUALS
12 UPSTAIRS. WE'RE GOING TO DO THE PLAQUE, NOW, COACH KELLY? AND
13 GIRLS? GET AROUND US HERE AND BOARD MEMBERS. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **PRINCIPAL JOHNSON:** WE'D JUST LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO ALWAYS CARES ABOUT KIDS AND HAS
17 HAD US HERE MANY TIMES RECOGNIZING, FIRST, ACADEMIC AND
18 ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE. WE PLAN ON BEING BACK. THANK YOU. [
19 APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KELLY, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU AND
22 THE BOARD MEMBERS IF YOU'D STAY UP HERE AS WELL. AS I SAID, WE
23 HAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL UP HERE FOR AS MANY ACADEMIC AWARDS AS WE
24 DO ATHLETIC EVENTS-- AWARDS AS WELL, TOO, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK
25 DAVID AND JACOB CHACKO TO JOIN ME UP HERE, THE CHACKO FAMILY,



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1 IF THEY WANT TO JOIN US, THEIR FRIENDS. ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE
2 THEIR PRINCIPAL, KELLY JOHNSON AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS,
3 BARBARA LUCKY, ELLEN PERKINS AND GABRIELA HOLT. WE ARE
4 HONORING DAVID AND JACOB HERE TODAY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
5 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS; JACOB, IN 2000,
6 AND DAVID IN 2004. THEY ARE BOTH MARSHALL SCHOLARS. AS YOU
7 KNOW, IF YOU'RE A MARSHALL SCHOLAR, YOU'RE ONE OF 40 STUDENTS
8 CHOSEN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND
9 BOTH ARE GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
10 IN ADDITION TO THEIR MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP HONORS, BOTH JACOB
11 AND DAVID WERE HONORED AS "U.S.A. TODAY" MAGAZINE'S TOP 20
12 ACADEMIC ALL-STAR FIRST TEAM MEMBERS; JACOB IN YEAR 2000 AND
13 DAVID IN 2004, RESPECTIVELY. JACOB USED HIS MARSHALL
14 SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS AT
15 THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD. JACOB'S GOAL WAS TO BECOME A
16 PHYSICIAN SERVING THE UNDERSERVED INNER CITY POPULATIONS AND
17 TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN ACCESS, COST AND THE QUALITY OF
18 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN THESE COMMUNITIES. DAVID WILL BE
19 STUDYING COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND
20 WILL USE HIS SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS OF
21 THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES. DAVID EXPECTS TO ENROLL
22 IN MEDICAL SCHOOL WHEN HE RETURNS FROM ENGLAND IN TWO YEARS
23 AND HIS GOAL IS TO BECOME A LEADER IN HEALTHCARE POLICY AND A
24 PHYSICIAN TO THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. BOTH DAVID
25 AND JACOB CREDIT THEIR INTEREST IN MEDICINE TO THEIR MOTHER,



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1 LEILA, WHO IS CURRENTLY AN EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN AND BOTH
2 BROTHERS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE THE CARE AND
3 COMPASSION THAT THEIR MOTHER EXHIBITED IN TENDING TO HER
4 PATIENTS. SHE WOULD OFTEN ATTEND SATURDAY MORNING SOCCER GAMES
5 AFTER SERVING A FULL GRAVEYARD SHIFT IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM.
6 DURING HIS TIME AT U.S.C., JACOB WAS ACTIVE IN SERVING THE
7 UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITIES BY TUTORING SCHOOL CHILDREN
8 THROUGH U.S.C.'S NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMIC INITIATIVE AND HELPING
9 TO ORGANIZE A LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR FASCHE LEARNING CENTER.
10 DAVID LATER WENT ON TO PERFORM VOLUNTEER WORK AT HOSPITALS IN
11 INDIA AS WELL AS LEADING THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AS A RESULT OF THESE
13 EXPERIENCES, DAVID CO-FOUNDED THE COLLEGIATE MED VOLUNTEERS
14 PROGRAM AT U.S.C. TO PROMOTE DIRECT PATIENT AND PHYSICIAN
15 CONTACT IN MENTORING OF STUDENTS. JACOB AND DAVID,
16 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR-- NOT ONLY YOUR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC
17 ACHIEVEMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT THANK YOU FOR
18 YOUR INTEREST IN SERVICE TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR
19 FELLOW MAN. SO WE WANT TO FIRST OF ALL PRESENT THIS TO JACOB.
20 [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND TO DAVID. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **DAVID CHACKO:** THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR BRINGING US
25 OUT HERE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. JACOB AND I HAVE BOTH



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1 BEEN BLESSED WITH A WONDERFUL FAMILY, WONDERFUL FRIENDS, AND
2 WONDERFUL EDUCATORS. THAT'S WHAT'S BROUGHT US HERE THIS FAR.
3 YOU KNOW, AS PRINCIPAL JOHNSON WAS SAYING A FEW MINUTES AGO,
4 THE FACT THAT THE BOARD REALLY RECOGNIZES ACADEMICS AND
5 ATHLETICS, IT HAS THIS DUAL FOCUS, REALLY CREATES IN US THIS
6 URGE TO CONTINUE TO DO WELL. AND SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE
7 REALLY APPRECIATE FROM YOU, THAT YOU DO ENCOURAGE THIS SORT OF
8 ACTIVITY WITHIN US STUDENTS. SO WE'RE BOTH REALLY LOOKING
9 FORWARD TO OUR FUTURES. JACOB'S TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT ENGLAND
10 AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MY TIME THERE, SO THANK YOU
11 AGAIN VERY MUCH FOR THIS TIME. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **JASON CHACKO:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN. I
14 REALLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE. I JUST HAVE TO
15 ECHO WHAT DAVID SAID. WE'VE BEEN VERY BLESSED IN ALL THE
16 PEOPLE THAT HAVE SURROUNDED US. IT'S A TREMENDOUS HONOR TO US
17 TO BE HERE TODAY AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PENINSULA GIRLS GOLF
18 AND TENNIS TEAMS AS WELL AS WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS AND
19 PRINCIPAL, KELLY JOHNSON, WHO ALL HAD-- YOU KNOW, DAVID AND I
20 BOTH SERVED ON THE SCHOOL BOARD WHEN WE WERE AT PENINSULA SO
21 WE WORKED WITH A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE IN THE PAST AND PRINCIPAL
22 JOHNSON WAS THERE FOR US, FOR EIGHT YEARS TOTAL: FOUR YEARS
23 FOR ME, FOUR YEARS FOR DAVID, AND SO IT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO
24 US TO GET TO SHARE THIS DAY WITH ALL OF THEM. SO THANK YOU
25 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M ALSO HONORED TO HAVE DAVID IS GOING TO
3 BE INTERNING IN OUR OFFICE THIS SUMMER SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR TO
4 HAVING HIM. NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE STACEY CASTILLE
5 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR HER
6 OUTSTANDING WORK AS BEING SELECTED AS THIS YEAR'S PUBLIC
7 RESPONSE DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR. SHE SERVED HER COMMUNITIES AS
8 A DISPATCHER AT THE SHERIFF'S COMMUNICATION CENTER FOR EIGHT
9 YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, SHE HAS ALSO PROVIDED SUPPORT AS A
10 SYSTEMS MONITOR AND ACTING SUPERVISOR. SHE IS PURSUING HER
11 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HUMAN SERVICES, HAS BEEN MARRIED FOR NINE
12 YEARS AND HAS TWO BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL CHILDREN. SO,
13 STACEY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU AND WISH YOU
14 WELL IN YOUR FUTURE.

15

16 **STACEY CASTILLE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **STACEY CASTILLE:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY, BEING CHOSEN
19 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF THE NICEST SURPRISES
20 I'VE EVER HAD. IT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY GOOD TO KNOW THAT I'M
21 SO WELL THOUGHT OF FROM MY PEERS AND MY SUPERVISORS BECAUSE WE
22 HAVE A REALLY GREAT GROUP AT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, VERY SHARP
23 GROUP, SO BEING CHOSEN IS AN HONOR TO ME. I'VE BEEN THERE
24 EIGHT YEARS AND I FEEL REALLY HONORED AND I-- FEEL REALLY



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1 HONORED AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE MY CAPTAIN, OUR NEW CAPTAIN,
2 CAPTAIN COPOREZ.

3

4 **CAPTAIN COPOREZ:** THANK YOU, STACEY. I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO
5 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNICATION
6 EXPERTS AND THE GOOD WORK THAT STACEY HAS DONE ON DISPATCHING
7 AMBER ALERTS, 9-1-1 CALLS, AND TAKING CARE OF THE PUBLIC IN
8 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **STACEY CASTILLE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I THINK WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE
13 AGENDA NOW. OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP COLLEEN WILSON FROM THE
16 NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA. WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, SHE WASN'T HERE EARLIER,
18 LET ME JUST SAY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S
19 CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION. DRUG ABUSE CONTINUES TO BE ON THE
20 INCREASE IN THE NATION AND IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMONG
21 YOUTH AS WELL AS ADULTS. MOST OF US RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF
22 EARLY TRAINING AND BUILDING CHARACTER IN YOUTH AND IN THE
23 IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING THEM ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ABUSING
24 ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AS WELL AS ILLEGAL
25 SUBSTANCES. AS PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND COUNSELORS, ALL OF US



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1 HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GUIDE AND INSTRUCT YOUNG PEOPLE.
2 THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION AND THE YOUTH
3 TEMPERANCE COUNCIL AND THEIR BRANCHES, AS WELL AS THE LOYAL
4 TEMPERANCE LEGION MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT DURING YOUTH
5 TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK TO EDUCATE AND INFORM JUNIOR AND
6 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF LEGAL
7 AND ILLEGAL DRUGS. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, I PRESENT THIS
8 SCROLL PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18TH THROUGH THE 24TH AS
9 "YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK" IN THE COUNTY TO COLLEEN
10 WILSON, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN
11 TEMPERANCE UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ENCOURAGE ALL
12 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEIGHTEN THE
13 AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DANGERS OF ILLEGAL
14 SUBSTANCES, DRUGS, AND OVERUSE OF ALCOHOL. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE AND THEN YOU'RE
17 GOING TO SAY A WORD.

18

19 **COLLEEN WILSON:** WELL, I'D LIKE TO THANK YVONNE BRATHWAITE-
20 BURKE, SUPERVISOR, AND THE SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL,
21 BEAUTIFUL PROCLAMATION AND I'M VERY SORRY THAT I WAS LATE. BUT
22 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ONE OTHER THING. NEXT WEEK, WE WILL HAVE
23 OUR WORLD WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION CONVENTION IN NEW
24 ZEALAND SO I WILL BE ON MY WAY THIS COMING SUNDAY TO THE WORLD
25 WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION CONVENTION. THERE WILL BE



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1 WOMEN THERE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. THANK YOU AGAIN,
2 SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU.

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6 **COLLEEN WILSON:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT
7 CONVERSATION]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL BEGIN THE AGENDA,
10 STARTING WITH DISTRICT NUMBER 5. EXCUSE ME, JUST BEFORE WE DO
11 THAT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS RELEASED HER HOLD ON 21 AND 64.
12 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I'D LIKE TO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY
16 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARIAN MCCARGO BELL, WHO IS
17 THE MOTHER OF MY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, TONY BELL. SHE WAS A
18 TELEVISION MOVIE ACTRESS, WIFE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN, UNITED
19 STATES CONGRESSMAN, ALPHONSO BELL, AND SHE PASSED AWAY ON
20 APRIL 7TH AT THE AGE OF 72 FROM CANCER.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE STARRED IN THE '50S AND '60S AND '70S
25 WITH JOHN WAYNE AND ROCK HUDSON IN THE EPIC, UNDEFEATED, IN



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1 THE MOVIE DEAD OF HEAT, AND MERRY GO ROUND, DOCTORS' WIVES AND
2 BUENOS MRS. CAMPBELL. HER TELEVISION ROLES INCLUDED SPOTS ON
3 HAWAII 5-0, HOGAN'S HEROES, FALCON CREST, AND PERRY MASON
4 AMONG OTHERS. SHE WAS ALSO A FORMER TENNIS CHAMPION AND
5 WHITEMAN CUP WINNER WHO, LATER IN LIFE, WON THE STATE SENIOR
6 TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP IN DOUBLES. SHE WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE
7 POLITICAL WIFE CAMPAIGNING FOR HER HUSBAND DURING HIS EIGHT
8 TERM CONGRESSIONAL CAREER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND
9 THEIR SEVEN SONS AND 18 GRANDCHILDREN. ALLEN CRAIG CARTER, WHO
10 IS A LOS ANGELES DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. HE PASSED AWAY AT
11 THE AGE OF 55. HE WAS A 21-YEAR VETERAN OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE
12 AND WELL RESPECTED BY HIS PEERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
13 DAUGHTER, PARENTS, AND THREE SISTERS. CHIAN WONG, WHO PASSED
14 AWAY APRIL 7TH, IS THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEE, GLORY
15 WONG, AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. HE ALSO WAS ON THE
16 CHINESE OLYMPICS TEAM BACK IN 1938 AND ALSO WAS INVOLVED WITH
17 THE FIGHTING WORLD WAR II WITH THE AIR FORCE IN CHINA. HE
18 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 7TH AT AGE 83. MARGARETTA HUNTSBERGER,
19 LONG-TIME GLENDALE RESIDENT WHO WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE
20 GLENDALE SYMPHONY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WORKED
21 FOR BOTH THE GLENDALE AND PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS
22 BEFORE RETIRING TO RAISE A FAMILY. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE
23 K.A.O. CHAPTER OF P.E.O. IN GLENDALE AND THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
24 OF THE GLENDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WHERE SHE SERVED AS
25 PRESIDENT FROM 1964 TO '65. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, GLEN, WHO



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1 ALSO HAD PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO, WERE QUITE INVOLVED IN
2 THE COMMUNITY AND GREAT ROLE MODELS AND THEY LEAVE THREE
3 CHILDREN. ADAM PLESKIS, SR., LONG-TIME FRIEND WHO PASSED AWAY
4 ON DECEMBER 6TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BARBARA, AND
5 THEIR SON, ADAM, JR. A GOOD FRIEND WHO ALSO PASSED AWAY,
6 ABRAHAM SPIEGEL, LOVING FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, WHO PASSED
7 AWAY ON APRIL 10TH AT THE AGE OF 97. AND HE LEAVES HIS
8 CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. NISHKA VISCARION, OWNER OF
9 NISHKA'S RESTAURANT, WHO LEARNED FROM HIS FAMILY, HIS FATHER,
10 HOW TO OPERATE A BUSINESS, PASSED AWAY. AND HE LEAVES HIS
11 FATHER AND HIS CHILDREN AND WIFE. AND GREGORY DAVID TONETTI,
12 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF WEST COVINA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
13 OF 45 THIS PAST WEEK. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR
14 MEMORIES.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NUMBER 65, THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO MY
19 MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVED A FEW MONTHS AGO ON THE
20 COUNTY'S INSPECTION SERVICE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE, AND I'M JUST
21 PLEASED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR MOVING AHEAD BECAUSE NOW WE
22 HAVE INCREASED ENFORCEMENT TO INCLUDE NIGHTTIME HOURS AND WE
23 HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF UNITS INSPECTED PER APARTMENT
24 FROM 10% TO 15%. AND, TO MAKE PUBLIC INFORMATION ASSESSABLE TO
25 THE PUBLIC, WE HAVE NOW INCLUDED ON THE COUNTY WEB PAGE



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1 INFORMATION ON RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION RESULTS, POSTING
2 ELECTRONIC COMPLAINT FORM ON THE WEBSITE, AND WE HAVE
3 DEVELOPED A COMPLAINT TRACKING SYSTEM AND WE NOW REQUIRE
4 BUILDING OWNERS TO POST AN INFORMATION PLACARD ABOUT REPORTING
5 A COMPLAINT AND GETTING INSPECTION REPORTS. AND WE ALSO DID
6 ONE OTHER GOOD PROGRAM AND THAT WILL NOW ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT
7 TO MAINTAIN DATA FROM ROUTINE INSPECTIONS AND COMPLAINT, FROM
8 INVESTIGATIONS FOR TWO YEARS ON OUR COUNTY WEBSITE, WHICH IS
9 LACOUNTY.INFO. SO I'D MOVE THAT WE PASS THIS ORDINANCE AND
10 THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING VERY PROACTIVE IN FOLLOWING THE
11 DIRECTION OF THE BOARD IN BRINGING THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM TO
12 HELP RESOLVE THESE ISSUES SO THAT INSPECTIONS WILL BE DONE,
13 AND NOT JUST DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, BUT ALSO DURING THE
14 EVENING AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALREADY HAD PASSED 65, SO
17 THAT WAS...

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 65. I THOUGHT WE HELD IT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE IT AS A HOLD HERE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN I WOULD LIKE TO... ITEM NUMBER 67-A.
24 IT'S HELD BY THE PUBLIC.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 67-A.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ON 67-
6 A. GENEVIEVE, YOU HELD 67-A AND ITEM NUMBER 1. IF YOU WANT TO
7 ADDRESS BOTH OF THOSE, AND 20-A.

8

9 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
10 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ON THAT MOTION, 67-A. I THINK IT'S
12 FANTASTIC TO SEE YOU BE SO AWARE OF PROBLEM AND WANTING TO ACT
13 IMMEDIATELY ON THEM. IF ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP ON THAT
14 PROJECT, I WOULD LOVE, YOU KNOW, TO PARTICIPATE. I AM AN
15 I.C.U. NURSE FOR THE LAST 33 YEARS-- 36 YEARS, SO I WOULD LIKE
16 TO HELP. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO DO SOME
17 HOMEWORK ON MR. MARK BRINKS BEFORE YOU-- I KNOW HIM AGAIN TO
18 THE COMMISSION, AND, ON ITEM 28, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT THE, ZEV
19 TO HAVE HELD THAT ITEM FOR ANOTHER WEEK. I HOPE THAT WILL GIVE
20 YOU TIME TO READ IN DETAIL THE K.P.M.G. AUDIT. AND THE
21 K.P.M.G. AUDIT REQUIRES THAT O.A.P.P. REDUCE ITS STAFF, NOT
22 AUGMENT IT. AND, AT THE HEALTH DEPUTY MEETING LAST WEEK, DR.
23 SCHUNHOFF UTILIZED THE K.P.M.G. REPORT TO STATE THEY NEEDED
24 THOSE POSITIONS. I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO SEND PEOPLE
25 BACK TO SCHOOL TO READ ENGLISH IN THIS, YOU KNOW, COUNTY,



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1 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE INTERPRETATION IS CERTAINLY NOT A
2 REFLECTION OF THE FACTS. SO I WILL REALLY EMPHASIZE THAT YOU
3 LOOK IN DETAIL TO K.P.M.G. REPORT BEFORE YOU AGREE TO 28. AND,
4 ON THE HIRING OF A NEW PERSON FOR M.L.K., I'M, AGAIN, APPALLED
5 THAT WE ARE NOT DOING OUR HOMEWORK. WE ARE HIRING SOMEBODY
6 NAMED ANTHONY JONES. WE DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT HIRED, WE DON'T
7 KNOW THE PROCESS, BUT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM \$488,000. HE'S
8 DEFINITELY NOT A CHANGE AGENT. I WILL ASK THAT YOU READ AN
9 ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY NEWS, NOT IN LOS ANGELES, BUT
10 IN CHICAGO, WHO DESCRIBE MR. ANTHONY JONES NOT QUITE
11 PERFORMING. IN THAT SPECIFIC HOSPITAL, HE WAS THERE FOR 18
12 MONTHS. LET ME TELL YOU. I'M AN EXPERT IN HEALTH AND A CHANGE
13 AGENT CHANGING IN LESS THAN A YEAR, USUALLY SIX MONTHS, IS A
14 PERIOD OF TIME. HE WAS IN THAT HOSPITAL FOR 18 MONTHS. NOT
15 ONLY DID HE NOT SUCCEED, THEY HAD TO BRING IN ANOTHER INTERIM
16 DIRECTOR AND PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS RACIAL PROBLEM. SOMETHING
17 WRONG IN THAT PICTURE. I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE HIRING
18 HIM AND I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW HOW THOSE PEOPLE GET SELECTED.
19 AGAIN, YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK, I ASKED YOU ABOUT THE CAMDEN
20 GROUP. WE STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CAMDEN GROUP.
21 ARE THEY STILL AT M.L.K.? AND, BY THE WAY, YOU KNOW, I'M
22 ALWAYS GO TO MY THREE MINUTES BUT LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK
23 BEFORE, WHERE MS. MOLINA WAS TALKING TO THE S.E.I.U., PEOPLE
24 TALKED FOR FIVE MINUTES. I TIMED IT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT
2 FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO THAT ARTICLE. I
3 HAPPENED TO SEE A COPY OF THE SAME ARTICLE AND AT LEAST REPORT
4 BACK TO THE BOARD ON, YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE SERIES OF QUESTIONS,
5 NOT ONLY THAT SHE'S RAISED BUT SOME OF US HAVE RAISED AS WELL
6 AS THE HOW AND WHAT FORS. OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 28, MOVED BY
7 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 67-A AND ITEM 1, MOVED BY
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST TO CLARIFY FOR THE
13 RECORD, 28 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, EXCUSE ME. I'M-- OKAY. EXCUSE ME. WE
16 WILL RECONSIDER. MOVE TO RECONSIDER. SO ORDERED. ITEM 28'S
17 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 5. I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND ITEM
20 NUMBER 5, WHICH WOULD BE TO MOVE THAT THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN BE
21 DIRECTED TO DEVELOP SEVERAL CURTAILMENT PLANS FOR THE PURPOSES
22 OF FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. THIS WILL ALLOW
23 THE LIBRARIAN TO COME UP WITH A VARIETY OF CURTAILMENT
24 SCENARIOS IF BUDGET CUTS ARE PROPOSED DURING DELIBERATIONS.
25 THIS ALLOWS HER A FREE HAND TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL FACTORS



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1 IN SHAPING HER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
2 CONSIDERATION OF HER NEXT YEAR'S FISCAL BUDGET.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THAT, I DON'T MIND IT AS AN AMENDMENT; I JUST
11 DON'T WANT IT AS A SUBSTITUTE, AS IT'S WRITTEN HERE. IS THAT
12 ACCEPTABLE? ON THE AMENDMENT THAT-- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH JUST
13 ADDED AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIBRARY CURTAILMENT PLAN. I DON'T
14 MIND IT AS AN AMENDMENT. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT AS A
15 SUBSTITUTE. LET ME TELL YOU WHY. THE ISSUE HERE IS THAT I'M
16 HOPING THE LIBRARIAN WILL DEVELOP A SERIES OF PLANS FOR US.
17 AND ONE OF THE PLANS THAT WE SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION,
18 JUST CONSIDERATION, IS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF CITIES, AND SOME
19 OF US WERE VERY AMBITIOUS AND ASSERTIVE WITH OUR CITIES ABOUT
20 PUTTING IN A PLAN TO LOOK AT RAISING REVENUES IN THE CITIES TO
21 JOIN IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH US FOR MANY OF THE PLANS OF THE
22 LIBRARIES THAT ARE IN THEIR CITIES. AND MANY CITIES DID TAKE
23 US UP ON IT AND THE REALITY IS THEY TRIED VERY HARD.
24 HUNTINGTON PARK DID A HUGE CAMPAIGN AND FELL LESS THAN A
25 PERCENTAGE POINT SHORT OF PASSING THAT. AND SO WHAT I WANT TO



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1 DO IS THAT I THINK THAT THOSE CITIES THAT HAVE MADE THAT KIND
2 OF EFFORT, WE SHOULD WORK IN PARTNERSHIP SO WE ARE NOT CUTTING
3 BACK AS MUCH FOR THE INTERESTS THAT THEY HAVE. AGAIN, IT'S AN
4 OPTION. I'M NOT SAYING IT'S THE PLAN BUT I WANT IT TO BE ONE
5 OF THE OPTIONS THAT THE LIBRARIAN WOULD LOOK AT AND SEE IF
6 IT'S SOMETHING THAT WORKS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT CITIES LIKE EL
7 MONTE THAT HAS A REGIONAL LIBRARY. THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING A
8 PARCEL TAX FOR A LONG TIME AND WE SHOULDN'T JUST SAY, "OH,
9 LET'S PUNISH THEM MORE OR PUNISH THEM THE SAME AS A CITY WHO'S
10 NOT," BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GROUP OF TAXPAYERS THAT ARE
11 CONTRIBUTING. WE SHOULD LOOK AT THAT OPTION. I MEAN, IT'S NO
12 DIFFERENT THAN WE FEEL FROM THE STATE. WE'VE HAD-- WE'VE BEEN
13 DILIGENT IN LOOKING AT WAYS TO RESERVE FUNDS AND HAVE A
14 HEALTHY RESERVE AND NOW, YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR AND THE
15 LEGISLATURE THINK THEY CAN JUST, YOU KNOW, DON'T WORRY ABOUT
16 L.A. BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT A RESERVE AND THEY CAN JUST, YOU
17 KNOW, PAD IT. I'M JUST SAYING, LET'S NOT PUNISH FOLKS THAT ARE
18 OUT THERE KIND OF DOING THEIR FAIR SHARE TO HELP, PARTICULARLY
19 IN THE LIBRARY CRISIS, AND I CALL IT A CRISIS BECAUSE IT IS.
20 YOU KNOW, IT'S THE FIRST PLACE THAT THIS BUDGET IS GOING TO
21 CUT AS WELL AND, IN MY COMMUNITY, AND THROUGHOUT THE SAN
22 GABRIEL VALLEY, LIBRARIES ARE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT PART OF WHAT-
23 - OF EVERYDAY WELL- BEING. MANY OF THE KIDS THAT GO INTO THAT
24 LIBRARY GO IN THERE TO USE THE COMPUTERS TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK
25 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THEM AT HOME. AND IT'S GOING TO BE ONE



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1 OF THOSE PLACES. SO LET'S TRY AND FIND THOSE PARTNERSHIPS. SO,
2 AGAIN, ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT THE LIBRARIAN COME UP WITH A
3 SERIES OF OPTIONS. WHAT WE WILL ADOPT MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT I
4 DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT AS A SUBSTITUTE AS IT'S WRITTEN HERE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, I WOULD JUST ADD, AS YOU SAID,
7 SUPERVISOR, I MEAN, THERE'S BEEN, WHAT, 11 CITIES AND SOME
8 UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT HAVE-- THAT ARE ALL THE
9 INCORPORATED-- UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT HAVE PASSED THE
10 LIBRARY PARCEL TAX BUT, ALSO, THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER
11 COMMUNITIES THAT MAY BE NOT BE PARTICIPATING THROUGH THE
12 LIBRARY TAX, THE PARCEL TAX, BUT THROUGH CONTRIBUTION OF CITY
13 FUNDS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AT THOSE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, AND FRIENDS OF LIBRARY GROUPS
18 THAT HAVE MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS EACH AND EVERY YEAR FOR THE
19 LIBRARIES. SO THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF SORT OF IN-KIND DONATIONS.
20 I KNOW SEVERAL OF THE LIBRARIES IN MY DISTRICT HAVE MAJOR
21 FUNDRAISERS EACH AND EVERY YEAR, FROM NEW CARPETING TO PAINT,
22 COMPUTERS TO WHATEVER IT MAY BE. SO I JUST-- THE ONLY THING
23 THAT BOTHERED ME ABOUT YOUR MOTION WAS THE FACT IT WAS SORT OF
24 NEGATIVE IN THE SENSE THAT, YOU KNOW, JUST BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T
25 DO THE PARCEL TAX, THEY MAY NOT BE CONTRIBUTING. WE HAVE A LOT



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1 OF CITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PARTNERS WITH US THAT I DON'T WANT TO
2 PUNISH AS WELL, TOO.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM AT LOOKING AT THOSE
5 THINGS. THAT'S A GOOD THING. THOSE CITIES-- AND WE MAY LOOK AT
6 OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. I MEAN, HUNTINGTON PARK DID NOT GET THE
7 TAXES BUT THEY NEED A CARPET DESPERATELY AND SO WE NEED TO
8 NEGOTIATE WITH THE CITY TO SEE IF MAYBE WE COULD FIND A WAY.
9 JANITORIAL SERVICES, THINGS THAT THE CITIES MIGHT CONTRIBUTE
10 THAT WE COULD WORK WITH THEM ON. AND I THINK IT'S A PLAN THAT
11 WE SHOULD LOOK AT -- SOME OF THESE CITIES ARE GENUINELY
12 INTERESTED IN TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP THE HOURS, TO KEEP
13 THOSE LIBRARY SERVICES IN PLACE, AND DON'T WANT TO ABANDON IT.
14 SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT, MR. KNABE, BUT TO NOT LOOK
15 AT IT AS AN OPTION I THINK IS A PROBLEM.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THEN SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I-- THE ONLY THING THAT I WOULD HOPE IS THAT
21 YOU LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF SUBSTITUTION OF SERVICES BY THE
22 CITY BASED UPON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE COST IS THAT
23 WE PROVIDE AND THE AMOUNT THAT THEY ARE COMPENSATING US FOR
24 THROUGH THEIR PARCEL TAX BECAUSE WE HAVE CITIES THAT ARE
25 PAYING FOR 84% OF THE COST. NOW, SO IT NEEDS TO BE SOME KIND



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1 OF AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN FOR EACH CITY RATHER THAN ONE APPROACH
2 FOR EVERYONE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. I AGREE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HERE'S MY PROBLEM. WHEN WE DISCUSSED
9 THIS THE LAST TIME, IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, WE HAD
10 SAID THAT WE WERE GOING TO REQUIRE OR ASK EVERY CITY IN OUR
11 SYSTEM TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. I KNOW MS. MOLINA WANTED TO GO
12 FURTHER BUT I THINK THE CONSENSUS HERE WAS, IF THEY PUT IT ON
13 THE BALLOT, THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH, AND THE MAIN CONCERN THAT
14 MOST OF US HAD, STARTING WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WAS THAT SOME
15 OF THESE CITIES WEREN'T EVEN GOING TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT
16 UNTIL HER MOTION CAME. I KNOW SOME DIDN'T. BUT I-- I JUST
17 THINK IT'S A SLIPPERY SLOPE. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DETERMINE
18 WHO FOUGHT HARD AND WHO DIDN'T FIGHT QUITE AS HARD AS THEY
19 SHOULD HAVE FOUGHT AND WHO DIDN'T FIGHT AT ALL. IT'S ALL IN
20 THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER AND I-- I THINK-- I MEAN, IT'S KIND
21 OF THE FEELING I HAVE HERE THAT SOMETIMES-- AROUND HERE
22 SOMETIMES, THAT PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR TAX INCREASES OUGHT TO
23 HAVE THEIR DISTRICTS GET ALL THE MONEY AND THOSE WHO VOTE
24 AGAINST PUTTING THEM ON THE BALLOT OR VOTING TO INCREASE THEM
25 SHOULDN'T GET ANYTHING. BUT WE DON'T OPERATE THAT WAY BECAUSE



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1 IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE PEOPLE WE REPRESENT. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW
2 YOU-- HOW YOU DEAL WITH IT. AND SO I'M RELUCTANT TO EVEN ASK
3 FOR A REPORT THAT MAY LEAD TO-- TO HAVING A SEPARATE BUT EQUAL
4 OR TWO-TIERED LIBRARY TREATMENT-- LIBRARY SYSTEM TREATMENT ON
5 OUR PART. I JUST-- I CAN'T CONCEIVE OF ONE-- OF A SYSTEM THAT
6 I COULD SUPPORT. I COULDN'T CONCEIVE OF A SYSTEM WHERE I WOULD
7 SAY THAT SAN FERNANDO GETS PUNISHED AND WEST LAKE VILLAGE
8 DOESN'T OR VICE VERSA, IN MY DISTRICT, AND EVERYBODY ELSE HAS
9 THEIR OWN WAY OF LOOKING AT THIS. SO I'M NOT-- IF THE
10 ANTONOVICH MOTION IS AN AMENDMENT, IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, FROM
11 MY POINT OF VIEW. I HAVE JUST THE OPPOSITE POINT OF VIEW OF
12 MS. MOLINA. IF IT'S A SUBSTITUTE, AT LEAST IT GIVES YOU SOME
13 FUNDING OPTIONS, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO END UP
14 DOING ANYWAY, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE BOARD IS GOING TO-- IS
15 JUST GOING TO TURN ITS BACK ON LIBRARIES JUST BECAUSE SOME
16 CITY GOT 58% OF THE VOTE, WHEN IT NEEDED 66-2/3. AND I DON'T
17 KNOW HOW YOU MAKE-- I THINK IT'S A BAD PRECEDENT TO SET AND
18 I'M AGAINST IT PHILOSOPHICALLY. SO I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT
19 IT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, IT WAS SILENT ON THAT ASPECT OF IT. BUT
2 LET'S TALK ABOUT THE UNEVENNESS NOW WITHIN OUR LIBRARIES.
3 RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A PROCESS THAT STARTED UNEVEN, MR.
4 YAROSLAVSKY, DECADES AGO, AND IT CONTINUES TO GET MORE UNEVEN
5 IN WHICH CITIES ARE MAKING A CONTRIBUTION. THERE ARE CITIES
6 NOW THAT ARE MAKING A CONTRIBUTION. THERE ARE SEPARATE FUNDS
7 THAT ARE SET UP THAT ARE CREATED VERY, VERY DIFFERENTLY, AND
8 WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS, WHEN WE LOOK AT CURTAILMENTS, WE WANT
9 TO LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS. I'M HOPING THAT OUR
10 LIBRARIAN WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THOSE CITIES
11 AND LOOK AT OPTIONS OF HOW TO TRADE OTHER KINDS OF SERVICES.
12 FOR EXAMPLE, JANITORIAL. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME KIND OF UPGRADES OF
13 SIMPLE THINGS LIKE CARPETING OR CLEANING A BATHROOM, AS WE'VE
14 HAD PROBLEMS IN HUNTINGTON PARK AND OTHER KINDS OF THINGS THAT
15 WE COULD DO. SOME OF OUR LIBRARIES HAVE MORE UTILIZATION. TO
16 GO BACK AND TO JUST LOOK AT THE 5% CUT, 10%, WHATEVER THE CUT
17 IS GOING TO BE, IS UNFAIR TO THOSE CITIES THAT ARE STRUGGLING
18 TO FIND THE WAYS BECAUSE IT COMES TO A POINT IN TIME WITH
19 CERTAIN CITIES ARE GOING TO HAVE NO LIBRARY SERVICES ON
20 CERTAIN DAYS OR THE HOURS WILL BE SO LIMITED THAT IT JUST IS
21 GOING TO BE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO OPERATE. WHAT I'M TRYING
22 TO DO IS TO EMPOWER OUR LIBRARIAN TO BE CREATIVE. EMPOWER OUR
23 LIBRARIAN TO COME UP WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS. WE STAYED
24 SILENT ON THAT ASPECT OF IT BUT THE UNEQUAL PART IS VERY
25 CLEAR. RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE COUNTY LIBRARIES THAT HAVE CERTAIN



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1 SERVICES AND THEY HAVE CERTAIN AMENITIES THAT OTHER LIBRARIES
2 DO NOT HAVE; AND IT'S JUST BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THE
3 FUNDING IS SO VERY DIFFERENT. AND THE OTHER PART OF IT AS WELL
4 IS THAT SOME OF THEM GET OVER-UTILIZED SO MUCH THAT GIVING
5 THEM THE RESOURCES THEY NEED, LIKE A JANITOR, ARE MORE
6 ESSENTIAL IN ONE LIBRARY THAN THEY ARE IN ANOTHER. REPLACING A
7 CARPET IS MORE ESSENTIAL IN ONE LIBRARY OVER ANOTHER, WHETHER
8 THE CARPET'S BEEN THERE THREE YEARS OR 15 YEARS, DEPENDING ON
9 ITS USE. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO FIND THAT WAY THAT WE CAN
10 BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP. WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT THIS WHEN WE
11 ASKED THE CITIES TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND SOME OF THE
12 CITIES WERE VERY COOPERATIVE AND SOME OF THE CITIES SAID
13 ABSOLUTELY NOT. IT'S SORT OF LIKE "TOUGH LUCK". OUR LIBRARIAN
14 WENT AROUND FROM CITY TO CITY AND I-- I THINK IT'S REALLY
15 SHAMEFUL THAT SOME OF THE CITIES JUST TURNED THEIR BACK AND
16 SAID, "I'M NOT GOING TO EVEN ALLOW MY VOTERS TO VOTE ON IT.
17 I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO DO THAT. YOU GUYS FIGURE IT OUT." THAT'S
18 NOT A PARTNERSHIP. AND SOME OF THE CITIES SAID, "LET'S TRY,
19 LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO." AND I DON'T WANT TO EVALUATE WHO
20 TRIED HARDER AND WHO DIDN'T TRY BUT THE REALITY IS, SOME
21 CITIES DID AND SOME CITIES ARE STILL GOING TO. SOME CITIES ARE
22 STILL GOING TO GO OUT THERE AND CHALLENGE THEIR VOTERS SOME
23 MORE, SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO FIND THOSE WAYS, AS THEY'VE
24 TOLD ME, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SHARE SERVICES SO THAT WE CAN
25 WORK WITH OUR LIBRARIAN TO KEEP THOSE LIBRARIES OPEN. BUT IT



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1 ISN'T A PAINFUL THING FOR YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. YOU DON'T HAVE
2 HUNTINGTON PARK, SOUTHGATE, AND MOST OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITIES
3 THAT THE ONLY LIBRARY IN TOWN IS THE COUNTY LIBRARY OR
4 MONTEBELLO, WHO HAS THIS TINY LITTLE LIBRARY THAT'S PART OF
5 OUR SYSTEM THAT HAS, YOU KNOW, 352 PARENTS THAT ARE VERY
6 CONCERNED AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. IT'S VERY, VERY
7 DIFFERENT. THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE CUTS AND THERE'S NO DOUBT
8 ABOUT IT, AND MOST OF YOUR LIBRARIES ARE LIKE THAT. BUT, I
9 MEAN, I'M PROUD OF PLACES LIKE EL MONTE THAT NOT ONLY PUT IT
10 ON YEARS AGO BUT THEY ARE PAYING A GOOD SHARE OF THEIR
11 SERVICES AND THERE'S NO DOUBT WHAT MR. KNABE IS SAYING IS
12 CORRECT. HE HAS LIBRARIES IN HIS DISTRICT THAT HAVE A VERY
13 STRONG GROUP OF FRIENDS THAT HAVE JOINED WITH IT. THEY HAVE
14 PUT TOGETHER NOT ONLY FUNDRAISING, THEY HAVE PLANS AND
15 RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CITY THAT REALLY PARTNER IN ASSISTING
16 THOSE LIBRARIES. AND, AGAIN, WE NEED TO TAKE THAT INTO
17 ACCOUNT. I THINK THAT HAS VALUE. THE REALITY HERE IS OUR PARKS
18 AND OUR LIBRARIES, OUR COUNTY PARKS AND OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES,
19 NEED TO BENEFIT FROM THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE THE CITIES
20 ARE IN. OUR PARKS ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION. YOU KNOW, FOR
21 CITIES TO JUST SAY, "HEY, TOUGH LUCK, THAT'S YOUR COUNTY PARK,
22 I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT." WE HAD A TREMENDOUS
23 RELATIONSHIP OF WHAT WE DID IN MONTEBELLO IN OUR SHARING. I
24 MEAN, DEBS PARK TODAY BELONGS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, PART
25 OF A PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS WORKED. THEY'VE DONE UNBELIEVABLE



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1 WORK AT DEBS PARK, MUCH MORE THAN WE WERE ABLE TO DO WHEN IT
2 WAS OUR PARK. AND SO I THINK THESE PARTNERSHIPS ARE WORTH
3 BUILDING ON AND THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING OUR LIBRARIAN TO DO AND
4 SHE KNOWS FIRSTHAND. SHE'S WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE
5 LIBRARIANS THAT ARE WORKING WITH THE CITY. SHE'S WORKING
6 DIRECTLY WITH THOSE CITIES WHEN SHE WAS ASKING TO PUT THEM ON
7 THE BALLOT. SHE'S VISITED WITH THEM AND IS INTIMATE TO WHAT'S
8 GOING ON. SO I JUST WANT TO GIVE HER AS MANY OPTIONS AS
9 POSSIBLE SO THAT, WHEN IT COMES BACK TO US, WE HAVE A FULL
10 RANGE OF OPTIONS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT IS GOING TO BE A
11 POLITICAL COMPROMISE BUT TALKING ABOUT UNEVENNESS IS NOT WHEN
12 IT STARTED WHEN I GOT HERE. THIS, WHEN I CAME HERE, LIBRARIES
13 AND OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES HAVE BEEN VERY UNEVEN. IT STARTED OUT
14 AS A COUNTYWIDE SYSTEM. CITIES INCORPORATED IN BETWEEN. THERE
15 WAS ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT HAPPENED. SOME ARE REGIONAL
16 LIBRARIES, SOME ARE LIBRARIES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS BUT
17 UNEVENNESS, UNEQUAL IS CLEARLY THERE, AND I WOULD INVITE ANY
18 OF YOU TO VISIT SOME OF THOSE LIBRARIES AND SEE HOW DIFFERENT
19 THEY ARE FROM SOME OTHER LIBRARIES, EVEN WITHIN THE SAME
20 CITIES AND THE SAME COMMUNITIES. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO ARM HER
21 WITH AS MANY OPTIONS AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE, UNFORTUNATELY, I
22 KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO THAT DAY THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE THESE
23 CUTS, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ALLOWS THE LIBRARIAN TO
TAKE EVERYTHING INTO CONSIDERATION AND COME BACK WITH A REPORT
TO THIS BOARD ON A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE, AND THAT'S HOW WE FUND
OUR LIBRARIES AND WE DON'T WANT TO TIE HER HANDS. WE WANT HER
TO HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY IN HER STAFF AND THE MOTION THAT, IF
APPROVED, BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WOULD BASICALLY DENY THAT TYPE
OF FLEXIBILITY. SO I WOULD-- THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS TO
PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED SO, WHEN WE COME BACK AND
DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN MAY AND JUNE, WE'LL HAVE THAT
INFORMATION AND THEN WE CAN MAKE THOSE NECESSARY DECISIONS.

12

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: OKAY. WE HAVE-- DID YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY
COMMENT?

15

MARGARET TODD: CHAIRMAN, I-- JUST SIMPLY THAT WE WERE...

17

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: DID YOU WANT TO PICK A MOTION THAT YOU
SUPPORT?

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MARGARET TODD: NO, MR. CHAIR. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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MARGARET TODD: WE WILL DO-- WE CAN PUT TOGETHER WHATEVER
SCENARIOS ANY OF THE BOARD OFFICES WOULD LIKE US TO LOOK AT

24



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1 AND IT'S GOING TO BE A CHALLENGING YEAR. SO WE REALIZE THAT
2 WE'LL HAVE TO BE INNOVATIVE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO THE BEST WAY MAY BE TO COMBINE BOTH?
5 WOULD THAT BE FAIR TO ALL? AND JUST LET-- AND SHE UNDERSTANDS--
6 - I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND-- I MEAN, BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE
7 DIFFERENT NEEDS WITHIN OUR DISTRICTS, YOU KNOW. I HAVE
8 LIBRARIES THAT ARE HURTING BUT I ALSO HAVE LIBRARIES IN SOME
9 OF THE LESS UNDERSERVED AREAS, BUT ALSO HAVE-- THE PEOPLE HAVE
10 RALLIED AROUND IT TO MAKE IT BETTER. SO, I MEAN, I DON'T WANT
11 THEM, BECAUSE THEY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE SUPPORTED THE TAX,
12 EITHER PUTTING ON A BALLOT OR NOT PUTTING ON THE BALLOT, BUT,
13 LOCALLY, THEY PUT A LOT OF DOLLARS INTO THE LIBRARY. I MEAN, I
14 THINK THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE. AS YOU KNOW, IN MY DISTRICT, A LOT
15 OF THOSE LIBRARIES WOULD NOT BE PAINTED OR HAVE CARPETING IF
16 IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR FRIENDS, SO I DON'T WANT THEM PUNISHED
17 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A PARCEL TAX. SO, ANYWAY, WE'LL
18 COMBINE THE MOTIONS, THEN, IF THAT'S AGREEABLE. IS THAT
19 AGREEABLE, MIKE?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS LONG AS SHE HAS THE FLEXIBILITY THAT WE'RE
22 NOT MANDATING ONE CRITERIA OVER ANOTHER.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVING YOU THE FLEXIBILITY, AND THEN WE'LL
2 MAKE THOSE DECISIONS WHEN THE REPORT COMES BACK.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** LIKE A GUMBY REPORT. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY? WE HAVE A MOTION AS AMENDED, AND I
7 THINK THE LIBRARIAN UNDERSTANDS, I THINK, WHERE WE'RE ALL
8 COMING FROM ON OUR NEEDS FROM OUR OWN DISTRICTS AND THE COUNTY
9 AS A WHOLE. SECONDED, AND...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF SHE UNDERSTANDS, AT LEAST ONE PERSON
12 DOES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 26, AND THAT WAS HELD BY
17 THE PUBLIC.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY HAS HELD ITEM
20 26. I ALSO WOULD ASK MR. MICHAEL BAUER, HE HELD 26 AND 30, AND
21 HE CAN ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS UNDER 26. SO YVONNE AND MICHAEL, IF
22 YOU'LL COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM ARE WE ON?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE ON 26.

2

3 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS
4 THE BOARD, AGAIN, RELATIVE TO ITEM NUMBER 26. I'D LIKE TO
5 OPPOSE THIS FUNDING. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT THE
6 CONCENTRATION SHOULD BE ON REUNIFICATION OF THE FAMILY, NOT
7 JUST PLACING THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT
8 OF FREQUENT MISNOMERS AND MISLABELING OF CHILDREN AS BEING
9 SPECIAL NEEDS, MENTALLY RETARDED, ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDERED
10 CHILDREN OR MENTALLY RETARDED. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THIS
11 IS ANOTHER MONEY-GENERATING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, I THINK,
12 AGAIN, THE MONEY SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TOWARDS REUNIFYING THE
13 CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENTS, NOT JUST PLACING THEM IN FOSTER
14 HOMES WHERE THEY COULD BE SUBJECT TO GREATER ABUSE AND THEN
15 SUFFER LABELING AND STIGMAS THAT WILL FOLLOW THEM FOR THE REST
16 OF THEIR LIVES AS DYSFUNCTIONAL, ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
17 SUFFERERS, SUFFERING WITH SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL RETARDATION,
18 HYPERACTIVITY. THAT'S ANOTHER INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTRY. I
19 THINK YOU SHOULD USE THE FUNDING, LIKE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
20 AND FAMILY SERVICES SHOULD, IN MOST CASES, TRY TO PLACE THE
21 CHILDREN OR RETURN THE CHILDREN, REMAND THE CHILDREN TO THE
22 PARENTS' CUSTODY AND THEN PROVIDE IN-HOME SERVICES, LIKE THE
23 FUNDING IS SUPPOSED TO BE USED. ADDITIONALLY FOR YOUR
24 CONSIDERATION, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SUBMIT THAT THE MISNAMING OR
25 THE MISLABELING OF THESE CHILDREN, USUALLY WITH BLACK



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1 CHILDREN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND CAUCASIAN CHILDREN AS WELL,
2 LIKE I SAID, THAT FOLLOWS THESE CHILDREN FOR THE REST OF THEIR
3 LIVES. IN MANY CASES, THEY'RE PLACED IN DIFFERENT CLASSES,
4 THEY'RE LABELED, AND, BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY DO NOT ATTAIN THE
5 LEVELS OF NOT JUST FUNCTIONALITY, BUT SUCCESS THAT THEY COULD
6 HAVE IF THEY HAD NOT BEEN MISLABELED. I HAVE ALSO INFORMATION
7 ON THE FORCING OF MEDICATION AND THE EFFECTS OF MEDICATION ON
8 THESE CHILDREN. RITALIN, FOR INSTANCE, AND OTHER PSYCHOTROPIC
9 DRUGS WHICH THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS
10 OPPOSED. SO WE'RE AGAINST THIS ITEM. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO
11 RAISE THIS ISSUE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY NOT RELATED TO ITEM 46,
12 BUT IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR ATTITUDE AND RULING ON ALL ITEMS,
13 I JUST WANTED TO ASK, WHY IS IT EVEN TODAY YOU HAD A JEWISH
14 INVOCATION? WHY DO YOU INVOKE, FOR INSTANCE, A CHRISTIAN GOD
15 WHEN, ON OCCASION, I'VE SEEN MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND ALSO MS.
16 BURKE ENCOURAGE FUNDING FOR GAY AND LESBIAN, BISEXUAL
17 FUNCTIONS. YOU KNOW, GOD DESTROYED SODOM AND GOMORRAH. MORE
18 AND MORE CHILDREN ARE ABUSED EVERY DAY BY PEDOPHILES,
19 HOMOSEXUALS. SO I THINK YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU WERE ADDRESSING NUMBER 26.

22

23 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** ...WHY YOU INVOKE THAT GOD AND WHO YOU
24 ARE RECEIVING MONEY FROM AND WHOSE INTEREST YOU REPRESENT,
25 BECAUSE THAT'S A FARCE AND AN ABOMINATION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

3 ITEM 26 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NUMBER 30.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 30. DO WE HAVE... ON ITEM 30,
9 JENNIFER JACKSON AND MICHAEL BAUER. IS EITHER ONE HERE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK SO.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. PROCEED.

14

15 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** IF I CAN SPEAK? HI, MY NAME IS JENNIFER
16 JACKSON, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
17 PORTALS AB 2034. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER THERE SINCE THE PROGRAM
18 WAS A PILOT PROGRAM. I'LL MAKE THIS AS BRIEF AS I POSSIBLY CAN
19 BUT I WAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY IS TO
20 VOICE A CLAIM. I WAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF A GUY THAT I WAS
21 SUPPOSED TO MARRY IN A PROGRAM. I WENT TO AB-2034 FOR HELP AND
22 I WAS ACCUSED OF, BY THE PROGRAM MANAGER IN FRONT OF OTHER
23 MEMBERS AB-2034, OF TOUCHING MEN'S PENISES. I WAS-- HE
24 HOLLERED AND SCREAMED AT ME, BINK FEES IS THE PROGRAM MANAGER,
25 SAYING THAT I HAD-- THAT THE SEX ACT WAS CONSENSUAL. THIS WAS



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1 DONE IN FRONT OF OTHER MEMBERS. I WAS CALLED, JUST RECENTLY, A
2 WHORE AND ALMOST ATTACKED BY ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS, ROSA
3 LENA JONES. THIS WAS DONE IN FRONT OF ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER,
4 RAY SALAZAR. I'M NOT JUST SPEAKING JUST ON BEHALF OF MYSELF,
5 BUT OTHER MEMBERS OF AB-2034 WHOSE SELF-ESTEEM HAS BEEN
6 LOWERED SO BAD THAT THEY HAVE GONE BACK OUT ON THE STREET, ON
7 DRUGS, WHICH HAS HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE. AND THIS TIME I SAID I
8 REFUSE TO ALLOW THEIR NEGATIVE CRITICISM, THEIR TREATMENT,
9 JUST THE TERRIBLE TREATMENT TOWARDS ME TO PUSH ME BACK ON
10 DRUGS, TO PUSH ME BACK ON THE STREETS AND I'M-- YOU KNOW, I'M
11 CONTINUING TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS, I'M CONTINUING IN
12 COUNSELING. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR.
13 SOUTHARD, DAVID ROUE. YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE, I THINK YOUR
14 OFFICE, DAVE ROUE HAS-- THE ASSISTANCE THAT YOUR OFFICE HAS
15 BEEN PROVIDING IN TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT I DO MY COUNSELING,
16 THAT I DO MAINTAIN COUNSELING SOME PLACE. I WAS SUSPENDED ON
17 THE 7TH OF APRIL BY CHU KIM, WHO'S THE DIRECTOR OF AB-2034,
18 BECAUSE OF SOMEONE-- ROSA LENA JONES, A STAFF MEMBER, VERBALLY
19 ABUSING ME AND ALMOST ATTACKING ME. I WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE
20 PROGRAM. SO I HAVE BEEN INFORMED, I AM GOING TO BE ALLOWED-- I
21 STILL WANTED TO CONTINUE MY COUNSELING AT ANOTHER AB-2034
22 COUNSELING SITE. AGAIN, EVEN THE COUNSELING THAT WE ARE
23 RECEIVING THERE IS VERY UNPROFESSIONAL. TO SIT THERE, AND THE
24 TYPE OF ADVICE YOU RECEIVE IS HOW TO BAKE A CAKE OR, WELL,
25 "WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT..." I MEAN, THE PEOPLE ARE VERY



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1 UNPROFESSIONAL. WE'RE NOT RECEIVING ANY TYPE OF PROFESSIONAL
2 SERVICES. THE SERVICES THAT ARE GIVEN TO A SELECTIVE FEW ARE
3 JUST, YOU KNOW, TO CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE NOT GIVEN TO ALL OF THE
4 MEMBERS OF AB-2034, AND WE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST,
5 YOU KNOW. WE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATE AGAINST, EITHER BECAUSE OF
6 PEOPLE'S SOCIAL AFFILIATION OR BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGION OR
7 JUST BECAUSE OF THE COLOR THAT THEY COME IN THERE. IF YOU'RE
8 WEARING RED, SOMEONE THAT MAY BE A STAFF MEMBER THAT'S
9 AFFILIATED WITH CRIPS MAY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST YOU. IF YOU'RE
10 WEARING BLUE, STAFF MEMBERS THAT ARE AFFILIATED WITH BLOOD
11 GANGS MAY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST YOU. AND I'VE COME IN WEARING
12 DIFFERENT COLORS AND I KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE KIND
13 OF-- I MEAN, IT'S, LIKE, YOU KNOW, AND THEN YOU GET THE BLOOD
14 SIGNS OR THE CRIPS SIGNS THROWN UP TO YOU AND THAT'S NOT FAIR,
15 REGARDLESS OF WHAT-- WHERE WE ARE, YOU KNOW. AND THEN ANOTHER
16 THING, WE'RE BEING-- IF SOMEONE IS ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING,
17 WE'RE THERE SO THEY CAN HELP US TO COPE WITH THE STRESS, TO
18 CONTROL HELP US TO AND, YOU KNOW, OUR ANGER, FOR ANGER
19 MANAGEMENT, AND THEY'LL-- THE STAFF MEMBERS WILL GET ANGRY AND
20 CALL THE POLICE ON US. THAT'S A CONTRADICTION OF AB-2034,
21 BECAUSE IT'S SUPPOSED TO KEEP US OUT OF...

22
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP? YOUR TIME'S UP, IF YOU
24 CAN WRAP IT UP.



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1 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** WELL, THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE
4 DEPARTMENT VISIT WITH HER, IS THAT CORRECT? FROM SUPERVISOR
5 BURKE'S OFFICE?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** OUR OFFICE WILL ALSO TALK TO HER.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE'S OFFICE. WITH THAT,
10 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
11 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NUMBER 38, IF WE COULD HAVE PUBLIC
14 WORKS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. NOYES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PERTAINS TO THE COUNTY WATERWORKS
19 DISTRICT NUMBER 37. MR. NOYES, THE BOARD LETTER REFERS THAT
20 NORMAL WATER LOSSES IN DISTRICT 37. WHAT ARE "NORMAL WATER
21 LOSSES"?

22

23 **JIM NOYES:** SUPERVISORS, CHAIR, JIM NOYES, PUBLIC WORKS
24 DIRECTOR, AND WITH ME IS MANNY DEL RIO FROM OUR WATERWORKS
25 DIVISION. HE'S THE HEAD OF OUR WATERWORKS DIVISION. IN A



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1 TYPICAL WATER AGENCY, SUPERVISOR, THE AGENCY WILL LOSE THREE
2 TO 5% OF THEIR WATER THROUGH NORMAL LEAKAGE OR THROUGH A
3 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WHERE WE ACTUALLY FLUSH OUT THE
4 FIRE HYDRANTS TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO SEDIMENTS ACCUMULATING
5 IN THEM.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ARE HIGHER THAN NORMAL WATER LOSSES?

8

9 **JIM NOYES:** IN THE CASE OF DISTRICT 37, OVER THE LAST FOUR OR
10 FIVE YEARS, WE'RE SEEING AS HIGH AS 20% LOSS IN THOSE
11 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN DISTRICT 37.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE IS THE WATER GOING?

14

15 **JIM NOYES:** WE'RE FAIRLY CONVINCED, SUPERVISOR, THAT IT'S BEING
16 STOLEN. IT'S BEING STOLEN BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE THEN USING
17 THAT WATER AND SELLING IT TO PEOPLE IN THE AREA WHO ARE
18 RELYING ON HAULED WATER TO MEET THEIR DOMESTIC SUPPLIES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS THE DEPARTMENT TALKED TO THE SHERIFF ON
21 THIS?

22

23 **JIM NOYES:** YES, SIR, WE HAVE.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT DOES THE SHERIFF PLAN TO DO?



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2 **JIM NOYES:** WE'VE PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION AND SOME
3 DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS AND LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS
4 AND THE LIKE TO THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF INFORMS US THAT
5 THEY'VE DONE SOME TYPE OF INVESTIGATION AND HAVE TURNED THE
6 MATTER OVER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE HAVE ALSO,
7 ON OUR OWN, SPOKEN TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND
8 BRIEFED HIM WITH THE FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO INSTALL LOCKS ON
11 THESE HYDRANTS TO PREVENT THEFT?

12

13 **JIM NOYES:** YES, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THE DEPARTMENT GOING TO INSTALL LOCKS?

16

17 **JIM NOYES:** WE HAVE INSTALLED LOCKS ON THE DEVICES, ON THE FIRE
18 HYDRANTS SO FAR, EVERY FIRE HYDRANT. IT'S A PLASTIC LOCK, IT'S
19 WHAT WE CALL A SOFT LOCK, AND THEY'RE FAIRLY EASY TO BREAK.
20 AND, ALTHOUGH THEY SEEM TO HAVE MAYBE A MINOR DETERRENT,
21 THEY'VE NOT SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF WHAT WE THINK IS SIGNIFICANT
22 THEFT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ELSE COULD THE COUNTY DO TO PREVENT
25 FUTURE THEFTS?



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JIM NOYES: WELL, ONE THING WE CAN DO IS INSTALL WHAT WE CALL
HARD LOCKS, WHICH ARE HARD METAL AND VERY DIFFICULT TO
PENETRATE AND TO BREAK. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT,
HOWEVER, THAT MAY SERVE AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO THEIR ABILITY TO
GET TO THE FIRE HYDRANT TO SERVE-- TO SERVE A COMMUNITY AND
PREVENT FIRES AND SO FORTH. WE'VE MET WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WE'VD AGREED THAT WE'RE GOING TO
USE THE PROSECUTION COACH AND SEE IF WE CAN CATCH SOME OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS AND GET THEM FULLY PERSECUTED TO SERVE AS A
DETERRENT.

12

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE PROBLEM THAT THE THEFT HAS DONE, IT
INCREASES THE RATE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT 37 HAVE TO
PAY FOR THEIR WATER. SO I'LL MOVE ITEM 38 TODAY AND THEN BRING
IN A MOTION NEXT WEEK THAT WILL DIRECT THE PUBLIC WORKS FIRE
AND THE SHERIFF TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK ON A PLAN OF
ACTION TO PREVENT FUTURE THEFTS. SO I'D MOVE ITEM 38. THANK
YOU, MR. NOYES.

20

SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

SUP. ANTONOVICH: ON ITEM NUMBER 63, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A ONE-
WEEK CONTINUANCE ON THAT.

25



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 63. ZEV, ARE YOU OKAY WITH 63
3 BEING CONTINUED FOR A WEEK? CONTINUED ONE WEEK? SO ORDERED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 67, WE AMENDED IT TO READ
6 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. AND THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN
7 RESOURCES TO REVIEW AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON A
8 VOLUNTARY PET INSURANCE PROGRAM WITHIN 30 DAYS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HE'S AMENDING IT TO SAY, WHAT, JUST A
11 REPORT BACK?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WOULD AN AMENDMENT THAT ALSO ASKS THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO GIVE US A REPORT, JUST A REPORT BACK
17 ON ENSURING 2-1/2 MILLION UNINSURED PEOPLE BE IN ORDER? THAT'S
18 JUST-- I KNOW WHAT IT IS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS NO COST TO THE COUNTY AND WHAT IT
21 DOES, IT ALLOWS THE INSURANCE POLICY TO...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO,
24 AND MAYBE I'M INCORRECT, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE TRYING



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1 TO ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO USE THEIR MEDICAL SPENDING
2 ACCOUNT TO-- IS THAT NOT THE CASE?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS IT YOU'RE ASKING THEM TO DO?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT ALLOWS THE INSURANCE TO BE PURCHASED AT A
9 GROUP RATE. SO YOU WOULD PAY, IF YOU HAD THE INSURANCE, OUT OF
10 YOUR TAXABLE STIPEND.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OUT OF YOUR MEDICAL SPENDING ACCOUNT?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS A TAXABLE STIPEND?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** A STIPEND, YOUR TAXABLE INCOME, I GUESS.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR EARNINGS THAT YOU ARE TAXED ON. THAT
21 YOU'RE TAXED ON. ALL THIS DOES IS ALLOW THE GROUP BUYING,
22 WHICH ALLOWS A DISCOUNT RATE ON THE INSURANCE.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME UNDERSTAND...

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOT REIMBURSABLE BY...

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S NOT REIMBURSABLE, RIGHT, RIGHT, NO.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHO-- SO WHAT ARE YOU-- WHAT ARE YOU--
6 WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HAVING THE
7 COUNTY OF LOS-- THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WITH ALL OF OUR
8 PROBLEMS...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. THEY WOULD PAY FOR IT. THERE IS NO
11 COST.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND BUT WHAT IS IT-- THEN WHAT'S
14 THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT PROVIDES A-- COUNTY EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE
17 THAT OPPORTUNITY OF BUYING...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY NOW.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. IT WOULD HAVE AN INSURANCE-- THAT'S
22 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO SEE, HAVE A REPORT. THEY WOULD BUY THE--
23 THEY WOULD OFFER THE INSURANCE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHICH
24 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WOULD ACCESS ON THEIR OWN.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE ASKING THE COUNTY-- WHAT YOU'RE
2 SUGGESTING IS...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A GROUP RATE, THAT'S RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...IS THAT THE COUNTY BUY AN INSURANCE...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AND THEN HAVE INDIVIDUAL COUNTY
11 EMPLOYEES...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN WHAT'S THE ROLE-- WHAT IS THE
16 ROLE, MIKE, THAT YOU SEE THE COUNTY PLAYING HERE?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
19 OF PROVIDING AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHO WOULD LIKE TO SELL THEIR
20 SERVICE...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE COUNTY DOESN'T PROVIDE INSURANCE
23 COMPANIES. THE COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE COUNTY DOES PROVIDE SERVICES BUT THE
2 COUNTY ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY, JUST AS YOU HAVE WITH
3 GROUP RATES FOR MAGIC MOUNTAIN OR SOME-- UNIVERSAL, THAT IS
4 PROVIDED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES, DISNEY NIGHT, PROVIDED TO COUNTY
5 EMPLOYEES. IF THERE'S AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT-- WHO HAS PET
6 INSURANCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SELL THEIR PREMIUMS AT A DISCOUNT
7 IN WHICH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES PAY OUT OF THEIR OWN EARNINGS,
8 THERE'S NO-- THERE'S NO SUBSIDY, THEN THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING
9 FOR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU WANT COUNTY STAFF TO SPEND THE TIME
12 AND THE MONEY TO DEVELOP A REPORT ABOUT A PET INSURANCE
13 PROGRAM OF THIS KIND? THAT'S WHAT-- I'M GOING TO JUST VOTE
14 "NO". I DON'T WANT TO DEBATE IT. I JUST-- I APPRECIATE...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH, IT'S HARD TO DEBATE THIS BECAUSE, I MEAN,
21 THE FOOLISHNESS OF THIS THING SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. I MEAN, IT IS
22 UNBELIEVABLE, AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WITH THE KIND OF CRISIS WE
23 HAVE, WE JUST SPOKE ABOUT THE LIBRARY CRISIS. I DON'T KNOW
24 WHAT STAFF IS DOING BUT IF THEY ARE WASTING TIME JUST TRYING
25 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THIS, I'M AMAZED. WE HAVE SEVERE



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1 PROBLEMS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND THERE ARE VARIOUS OPTIONS
2 THAT NEED TO BE EXPLORED AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE CREATIVE
3 AND THINGS OF THAT SORT. BELIEVE ME AND I AM A PET LOVER AND A
4 PET OWNER. I MAKE MY DECISIONS OF WHAT KIND OF AMENITIES I
5 WILL PROVIDE FOR MY PET AS A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER. I WOULD
6 LOVE FOR US TO BE CHALLENGING AND LOOKING AT WAYS THAT WE'RE
7 GOING TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE TO ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES.
8 WE HAVE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WE'RE NOT PROVIDING HEALTHCARE
9 COVERAGE TO THAT ARE OUR EMPLOYEES. AGAIN, AS I SAY, IT SPELLS
10 FOOLISHNESS ALTOGETHER.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE ONLY REASON THAT I WOULD...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
15 ALREADY OFFERS THIS TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER COUNTIES,
16 INCLUDING FRESNO, OFFERS IT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY'RE IN A GREAT PREDICAMENT TODAY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M JUST SAYING, THEY'RE NOT BEING
21 SUBSIDIZING, IT'S JUST AN OFFER.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** THE ONLY REASON THAT I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS
24 IS I KNOW LA SARAH HAS LOAN-- IF YOU GO TO THEIR WEB SITE,
25 THEY HAVE LOAN PEOPLE THAT THEY CONTACT THEM AND SAY THEY GIVE



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1 BETTER LOANS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES. A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS
2 THAT THEY PROVIDE THAT ARE-- AS LONG AS WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY
3 ANYTHING AND NOT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME. I
4 RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETIMES COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO AREN'T MAKING
5 THAT MUCH MONEY AND WOULD LIKE, AT SOME POINT, IF THEY HAVE A
6 ILL PET, TO BE ABLE TO GET IT-- WITH NOT HAVING TO PAY A LOT
7 OF MONEY AND MAKE A DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY LET THEIR
8 PET DIE OR-- BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THESE ENORMOUS
9 VET BILLS. SO IF THERE IS SOME COMPANY THAT COMES FORWARD, I
10 WOULD SAY THAT THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE COUNTY STAFF SPENDING A LOT
11 OF TIME, BUT I SUSPECT THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE-- COMPANIES
12 THAT CONTACT ANIMAL CONTROL-- OR ANIMAL, DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL
13 CONTROL WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THIS INSURANCE, AND I'M
14 SURE, ONCE THIS GOES OUT THAT WE'RE EVEN TALKING ABOUT IT,
15 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A FLOOD OF THEM, AND ALL THEY HAVE TO DO
16 IS COME UP, AND IT'S JUST A MATTER THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES WOULD
17 SAY, JUST LIKE THEY USED TO DO AT FEDCO, YOU WALK UP TO FEDCO,
18 YOU SAY I'M A COUNTY EMPLOYEE YOU GO IN AND AND YOU GET A
19 RATE. AND THAT'S TRUE OF A LOT OF PLACES AND THAT'S NOT GOING
20 TO BOTHER ANYTHING AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEDCO-- I MEAN, AND
23 THIS, I MEAN, THE FEDCO, THE ONUS WAS ON THE EMPLOYEE. YOU HAD
24 TO GO AND PROVE TO FEDCO THAT YOU WERE A CITY OR A COUNTY
25 EMPLOYEE OR A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE. ONCE YOU DID THAT, THEY



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1 SIGNED YOU UP. THE COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE ANY ROLE TO PLAY IN IT.
2 THIS THING, I MEAN, IF MR. ANTONOVICH, THE IDEA SOUNDS LIKE A
3 WONDERFUL IDEA. PERHAPS YOU OR YOUR STAFF COULD PICK UP THE
4 PHONE AND CALL A FEW INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SEE WHAT'S GOING
5 ON. WHAT BOTHERS ME IS TO SEND THE C.A.O. STAFF, THE EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICE STAFF, THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT STAFF, WHOEVER IT'S
7 GOING TO BE THAT'S GOING TO COORDINATE THIS THING AND JUST TO
8 GET A REPORT CHURNED OUT EVERY TIME WE PUT OUT A MOTION HERE
9 TO GET A REPORT ON SOMETHING IS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF STAFF
10 TIME. AND, TO ME, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. MAYBE WE SHOULD
11 WAIT A WEEK AND SEE, NOW THAT IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED AND MAYBE IT
12 WILL BE IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND MAYBE FARMERS INSURANCE WILL
13 PICK UP THE PHONE OR BLUE CROSS, OR WHOEVER INSURES PETS WILL
14 COME IN AND SAY, "HEY, WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU," AND THEN ALL IT
15 IS IS ONE PHONE CALL. BUT TO CHURN OUT A REPORT AND TO HAVE
16 JANSSEN AND SHARON HARPER AND MIKE HENRY AND VIOLET AND
17 WHOEVER ELSE IS GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN VETTING THE REPORT
18 AND EDITING IT AND MAKING SURE IT SAYS IT THE RIGHT WAY AND
19 THE RIGHT THING AND THAT WE'RE NOT OFFENDING ANYBODY, AND THAT
20 IT'S THE KIND OF PABLUM THAT WE'RE USED TO GETTING UP HERE BY
21 THE TIME THINGS GET UP HERE IS GOING TO COST THOUSANDS AND
22 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. AND, I GOT TO TELL YOU THAT, YOU KNOW,
23 WHEN WE DISCUSSED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS, THERE
24 WAS ONE NO VOTE HERE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MEANS
25 SOMETHING TO OUR EMPLOYEES, I MEAN, DIRECTLY TO OUR EMPLOYEES,



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1 SOMETHING THAT WE DO HAVE A ROLE AND A RESPONSIBILITY IN. BUT
2 THAT, APPARENTLY, WASN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH. BUT TO SPEND A FEW
3 THOUSAND BUCKS GENERATING A REPORT ON A DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR
4 PET INSURANCE-- I LOVE PETS, TOO. WE ALL LOVE PETS. I WISH I
5 WASN'T ALLERGIC TO THEM. BUT THE PROBLEM IS, I THINK OUR
6 PRIORITIES ARE SCREWY WHEN WE DO THIS SORT OF THING. SO, MIKE,
7 I THINK IF-- IT SOUNDS-- THE IDEA SOUNDS FINE, AND IF THAT'S
8 ALL IT IS, IS TO GET A INSURANCE COMPANY WHO WILL RECOGNIZE A
9 COUNTY EMPLOYEE-- MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO HAVE YOUR STAFF JUST PICK
10 UP THE PHONE AND CALL A FEW INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SEE IF YOU
11 CAN GET IT DONE THAT WAY, BUT ONCE IT GOES AND IT BECOMES AN
12 OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION AND THAT SORT OF THING, I MEAN, I'M NOT
13 GOING TO FINGER ANYBODY BUT STAFF PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY
14 COMPLAINED ABOUT HAVING TO DO THE WORK ON THIS THING, AND I
15 JUST THINK IT'S-- AND I THINK THEY'RE RIGHT. THERE ARE A LOT
16 MORE IMPORTANT THINGS FOR US TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW THAN THIS,
17 AT LEAST AT THIS POINT IN TIME. MAYBE IF YOU FIND SOMEBODY AND
18 IT REQUIRES SOME KIND OF A FOLLOW-UP, THEN YOU CAN GET THEM
19 AND IT IS A DIRECT, SPECIFIC THING BUT, RIGHT KNOW, IT'S
20 JUST...

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT STAFF SHOULD
23 NOT SPEND A LOT OF TIME AND THAT THEY JUST GIVE AN ORAL REPORT
24 AND THAT ONLY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL WOULD BE THE ONLY
25 ONE WORKING ON IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT THEY WOULD, IF...

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE THE ITEM A WEEK AND
7 HAVE ANIMAL CONTROL...

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** SEE IF THEY GET IT BUT, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES,
10 SHOULD WE HAVE THE C.A.O. AND ALL THESE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN IT.
11 IF ANIMAL CONTROL GETS AND CALL AND-- THEY CAN LET US KNOW.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN I WANT TO KNOW, EXACTLY WHAT ARE THEY
14 LOOKING FOR? WHAT IS IT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO? THEY'RE
15 SUPPOSED TO BUY-- FIND SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO BUY-- WILLING
16 TO SELL US GROUP PET INSURANCE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE GROUP PET INSURANCE. MY
19 UNDERSTANDING IS THE WAY...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT KIND OF INSURANCE?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ...THIS WOULD BE-- WELL, IT WOULD BE A MATTER THAT
24 THE VERY FACT THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES WOULD GET A RATE ON THOSE--
25 - ANY COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO CALLED, IDENTIFIED THEMSELF AS A



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1 COUNTY EMPLOYEE, COULD GET A RATE IN TERMS OF THAT PET
2 INSURANCE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT ARE THEY-- I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. SO-- BUT
5 THEY'RE GOING TO LOOK TO SOMEONE TO SELL US THIS STUFF, TO THE
6 GROUP. IS THAT IT? THEY GO OUT AND, WHAT, CALL...

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE REPORT WILL SAY, WHETHER
9 OR NOT THERE'S SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SELLING INSURANCE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO SOMEONE IS SUPPOSED TO GO OUT, AGAIN, AND,
12 NOW, THIS IS THE ONE, THE SAME ONE, THAT WHEN WE CALL ABOUT
13 WILD DOGS, ALL RIGHT, THEY SAY, "IF YOU COULD CATCH IT, WE'LL
14 PICK IT UP, BUT IT AIN'T OUR JOB TO GO CATCH IT." THEY'RE TOO
15 BUSY. THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE. THIS DEPARTMENT. COME ON,
16 FOLKS! LET'S BE REASONABLE HERE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT
17 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GO DO. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GO FIND SOMEONE
18 WHO'S GOING TO SELL US GROUP INSURANCE FOR OUR PUPPIES AND OUR
19 CATERPILLARS AND OUR LADYBUGS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** ACTUALLY, I KNOW SOMEONE-- I KNOW A COMPANY THAT
22 DOES IT. I MEAN, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO JUST-- I DID KNOW OF THEM
23 AND IT'S NOT AS IF IT'S THAT UNCOMMON.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN THEY COME BACK...



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** EVERY VETERINARIAN HAS A COMPANY AT WORK THAT HAVE
3 PET INSURANCE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, BUT WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE ONES THAT ARE
6 GOING TO SET UP, AND THEN WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IS THEY'RE
7 GOING TO CREATE A GROUP ACCOUNT AND THEY'RE GOING TO PUT UP
8 LITTLE BULLETIN BOARDS AND SAY DISNEY TICKETS AT A DISCOUNT.
9 YOU GO TO EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND YOU BUY 12 DISNEY TICKETS. IS
10 THAT WHAT YOU DO? WHAT DO YOU DO? WHAT IS THEIR MANDATE? WHAT
11 IS ANIMAL CONTROL DOING WITH THIS? MAYBE THEY CAN COME AND
12 TELL US WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND IT TO BE. I MEAN, I'M TIRED OF
13 SENDING THESE REPORTS INTO CYBERSPACE AND EXPECTING SOMETHING
14 BACK, AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BECAUSE THERE'S A
15 LOT MORE TO BE DOING IN SOME OF THE THESE AREAS, INCLUDING THE
16 COMPLAINTS FROM THOSE LITTLE OLD LADIES WHO ARE FRIGHTENED OF
17 THE WILD DOGS AND SHE'S DOING TOLD, AND THAT'S THE RESPONSE
18 FROM ANIMAL CONTROL, "CATCH IT AND WE'LL PICK IT UP"! IS
19 ANIMAL CONTROL ANYWHERE IN THE BUILDING?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE HERE FROM ANIMAL CONTROL?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** (INAUDIBLE) ITEM?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO IDEA. I MEAN, I JUST ENVISION IT
2 BEING LIKE WE DO WHEN YOU MEET AND CONFER AND YOU HAVE YOUR
3 LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND YOU, I MEAN, THE INSURANCE
4 COMPANIES COME IN AND THEY SET UP SHOP AND YOU GO BUY IT, IF
5 YOU WANT, BASED ON A GROUP BASE. IT'S NOT, YOU KNOW, NOT
6 ANYTHING THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTERS. IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE CAN DO THAT TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN WE SHOULD ELIMINATE-- I MEAN, I'M JUST
11 SAYING, IF YOU SAY IT THAT WAY, THEN ELIMINATE LONG-TERM
12 DISABILITY, SHORT-TERM DISABILITY AND LIFE INSURANCE. I MEAN,
13 THAT'S BASICALLY THE WAY THE COUNTY BUYS IT NOW. I MEAN, YOU
14 HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY, RIGHT? IS THAT CORRECT, SHARON?

15

16 **SHARON HARPER:** THAT'S CORRECT. THIS WOULD BE A BENEFIT OR A
17 SERVICE THAT WOULD BE OFFERED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ANIMAL
18 CONTROL REALLY IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW
19 THIS. IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO
20 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, IT SHOULD BE COORDINATED AND IT WOULD BE
21 WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND D.H.R. BECAUSE IT'S A BENEFIT. IT
22 WILL TAKE SOME STAFF TIME TO REVIEW IT TO EVEN DETERMINE WHAT
23 THE PROGRAM WOULD BE AND HOW IT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. BUT
24 ANIMAL CONTROL WOULD NOT BE THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THIS AS A BENEFIT TO
2 EMPLOYEES. MAYBE THIS IS WHERE THERE'S A MISUNDERSTANDING. I
3 WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THAT AT ALL. I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT
4 SIMPLY AS IT WAS WITH FEDCO. WITH FEDCO, CERTAINLY SOMEONE
5 FROM THE COUNTY HAD THAT AGREEMENT WITH THEM. AND I UNDERSTAND
6 RIGHT NOW, WITH THE COMPUTER COMPANY, WITH-- IS IT-- THE
7 COMPUTER STORE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I WAS IN THERE AND THEY
8 TOLD ME THAT THEY HAVE SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
9 COUNTY THAT, IF YOU IDENTIFY THAT YOU'RE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE,
10 YOU GET A DISCOUNT AT THE COMPUTER STORE. SO I WAS THINKING IT
11 WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THIS...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT-- THE COMPANY'S FILING CHAPTER
14 11, ISN'T IT?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, NOT THAT ONE. NOT THE ONE THAT'S FILING
17 CHAPTER 11. I GOT THE WRONG NAME, BUT IT'S THE ONE WHO'S ON
18 JEFFERSON. AT ANY RATE, I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THIS BEING A
19 BENEFIT OR THAT THIS BE SOMETHING OF WHERE YOU CHECK OFF AT
20 THE END OF THE MONTH, OCTOBER, "I WANT TO BUY THIS, THIS, AND
21 THIS." I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT.

22

23 **SHARON HARPER:** INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES RIGHT NOW CAN OFFER
24 BENEFITS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITHOUT IT RUNNING THROUGH THE
25 COUNTY AS AN ENTITY AND IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT EMPLOYEES,



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1 LIKE ANY OTHER CITIZEN, WOULD ACCESS ON THEIR OWN. AND IT'S
2 NOT UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE A GROUP DISCOUNT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MY UNDERSTANDING TO SUPPORT
9 IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY KIND OF CHECK-
14 OFF WITH THE COUNTY. C.A.O. WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
15 IT WOULD SIMPLY BE THE FACT THAT-- IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE ALL
16 THESE OTHER COMPANIES AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM THAT
17 OFFER DISCOUNT TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

18

19 **SHARON HARPER:** BUT THOSE COMPANIES WOULD BE DOING IT ON THEIR
20 OWN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, ON THEIR OWN.

23

24 **SHARON HARPER:** AND THEN THERE WOULD BE NO ADMINISTRATION ON
25 THE PART OF THE COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, NO ADMINISTRATION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT IS THE REPORT THAT YOU'RE BEING
5 ASKED TO GENERATE?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE DISCOUNT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU ASKING THEM TO GO OUT AND SEE IF
10 THERE ARE INSURANCE COMPANIES WILLING TO GIVE COUNTY EMPLOYEES
11 DISCOUNTS? OR ARE YOU TRYING TO FIND OUT FROM THEM WHETHER
12 IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR-- I MEAN, WE ALREADY KNOW IT'S A GOOD
13 IDEA. IT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA. THE QUESTION IS, DO YOU WANT TO
14 SEND OUR STAFF, OUR COUNTY STAFF, WHOEVER IT IS, ANIMAL REG OR
15 WHOEVER, TO GO OUT AND SOLICIT INSURANCE COMPANIES, HEALTH
16 INSURANCE COMPANIES, TO PROVIDE INSURANCE TO PETS?! I DON'T
17 THINK THAT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME FOR THE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO BE SPENDING ONE MINUTE OF TIME ON
19 PICKING UP THE PHONE AND START DIALING INSURANCE COMPANIES. IF
20 YOU THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, THEN YOU DO IT. BUT, I MEAN, YOU'RE
21 ASKING A STAFF OR WHOEVER IT IS TO BE TAKING OUT OF-- IT'S
22 GOING TO AFFECT ALL OF US, EVEN IF IT'S MINIMAL, AND I JUST--
23 I CAN'T EXPLAIN THIS TO MY-- MYSELF, LET ALONE MY
24 CONSTITUENTS. I JUST CAN'T DO IT. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, THERE
25 WAS-- SOMEBODY ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE



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1 EXPENDITURE OF A FEW THOUSANDS DOLLARS A YEAR AND, NOW, I
2 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STAFF TIME INVOLVED IS. AND IT WON'T BE
3 JUST ONE HOUR'S WORTH OF WORK, IT SIMPLY WON'T BE, BECAUSE
4 WE'LL HAVE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS. WE'VE ALREADY SPENT A HALF
5 HOUR. THIS REMIND ME OF MY OLD COLLEAGUE...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THIS REMINDS ME OF SOME OF YOUR MOTIONS,
8 TOO, ZEV.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW, BUT I TRY TO KEEP IT LESS THAN HALF
11 AN HOUR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, SOMETIMES YOU GOT LUCKY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE TO SAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'VE NOT
16 BROUGHT IN PET INSURANCE MOTIONS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE AN IDEA TO SORT OF BRING THIS TO A
19 CLOSE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT APPEARS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT
20 TO REFER THIS BACK TO YOUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION
21 AND TO COME BACK WITH MAYBE SOME...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROCESS IS, WE WERE TOLD, FROM THE
24 PROCESS, I GUESS, HUMAN RESOURCES, THAT YOU CANNOT DO A SINGLE
25 SOURCE CONTRACT. YOU HAVE TO BRING IT IN...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MAYBE YOU CAN FIND MULTIPLE...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT IT OUT TO BID!

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE! WAIT A MINUTE!

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, THAT WON'T COST US MUCH!!

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WAIT A MINUTE, LAST WEEK, WE DID A SINGLE SOURCE

11 CONTRACT FOR \$17 MILLION, SO DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT SINGLE

12 SOURCE CONTRACTS AGAIN! \$17 MILLION!

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT MIGHT BE BEST IF

15 YOU REFER IT BACK TO YOUR OFFICE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE POINT IS, AS SUPERVISOR BURKE WAS

18 SAYING, THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A GROUP RATE WHERE YOU HAVE A

19 DISCOUNT IF YOU ARE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THAT IS THE INTENT.

20 THERE IS NO SUBSIDY INVOLVED AND IT'S MUCH CHEAPER THAN PLASMA

21 TELEVISIONS, I WOULD SAY THAT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, CAN I JUST SAY THAT I THINK IT WOULD

24 BE BEST IF YOU REFER BACK TO YOUR OFFICE.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, JUST TO ADD...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CAN I JUST BRING SOME RESOLUTION...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST TO ADD TO THE FOOLISHNESS. NOW, I UNDERSTAND
10 PETS ARE IMPORTANT, SO I'M NOT TRYING TO DOWNPLAY ALL OF US
11 WHO HAVE PETS AND THINK THAT WE NEED TO PROTECT THEM AND DO
12 WHAT WE CAN. BUT I HAVE A FRIEND WHO WOULD BE HAPPY TO
13 PROVIDE, AT A DISCOUNT, HANDBAGS AND PURSES, SHE'S IN THE
14 BUSINESS, AT A GROUP RATE! A GROUP RATE!

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, CAN WE JUST
17 REFER IT BACK TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE HER GO AROUND THE OFFICE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MIKE, IS THAT OKAY? REFERRING IT BACK
22 TO MIKE'S OFFICE. OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ITEM NUMBER 51, FOOTHILL TRANSIT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE FROM THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HELD
2 THAT ITEM. RICHARD ROBINSON.

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4 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,
5 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZERS.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHH. EXCUSE ME. OKAY, MR. ROBINSON, GO
8 AHEAD.

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10 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** THE ECOLOGICAL LIFE OF THE PLANET IS
11 DEPENDENT UPON THE COOPERATION OF THE PLANET'S PEOPLE. WHEN
12 THE BUS STOP LITTER AT M.T.A.'S SHELTERS BECOMES MORE VISIBLE
13 THAN THE MOTION PICTURE AND FILM ADVERTISEMENTS THERE, THE
14 ECOLOGY SUFFERS. AS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE SIERRA CLUB,
15 I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN CLEANING UP THE ECOLOGY. PLEASE! I
16 SUPPORT THIS RECOMMENDATION, THESE 28 SOLAR LIGHT POLES
17 STORING THE SUN'S ENERGY DURING THE DAY ARE GOING TO SAVE
18 MONEY, AND IT WOULD-- YOU KNOW, SOONER OR LATER, THE TWO-
19 TIERED SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, I.E.,
20 FOOTHILL AND M.T.A.-- WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY, IT WAS REPORTED THAT U.C.L.A.'S
6 RESEARCH GROUP HAS BEEN, I GUESS, WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH
7 THE OTHER SCIENTISTS IN THE REGION, THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
8 WOULD BE HIT WITH A 6.1 EARTHQUAKE WITHIN FIVE MONTHS. LUCIE
9 JONES OF CAL TECH WAS ON TELEVISION THIS MORNING ELABORATING
10 ON THAT. IF WE COULD ASK THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
11 CONSTANCE PERETT, TO REPORT NEXT WEEK AS TO THAT REPORT FROM
12 U.C.L.A. TODAY AND DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION THAT-- AND PUBLIC
13 INFORMATION FOR THE COUNTY THAT WE CAN BE INVOLVED IN. WE
14 HAVE, PERSONALLY, HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT DEVELOPMENT OF
15 THE SHAKY QUAKEY VAN THAT INITIATED A FEW YEARS AGO, AND I
16 KNOW KFVB AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH EDUCATIONAL
17 OUTLETS ON EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS, BUT IF WE COULD HAVE THEM
18 MAKE THAT REPORT NEXT WEEK SO WE CAN TAKE ACTION.

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20 **SHARON HARPER:** WE'LL HAVE THE REPORT.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?



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SUP. MOLINA: YES. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, IT WAS UNFORTUNATE TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF DENISE SMITH, MY NEIGHBOR. THIS IS THE WIFE OF JACK SMITH. HER NAME WAS DENISE BRESSEN, KNOWN AS DENNY SMITH. MANY OF YOU PROBABLY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HER AND GET TO KNOW HER THROUGH JACK SMITH'S COLUMN THAT HE WROTE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. BUT I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT SHE TOOK IN OUR COMMUNITY IN MOUNT WASHINGTON. SHE WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUES OF PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION THERE. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE WELL-BEING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE WAS SOMEONE WHO CAME TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN THE MOUNT WASHINGTON AREA AND PROVIDED AN AWFUL LOT OF LEADERSHIP IN MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON. AND, MORE RECENTLY, SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED, AND THEY TRIED ALL KINDS OF WAYS IN MOUNT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BUILD A MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AND NOW, FINALLY, IT'S GOING TO BE PUT IN PLACE. IT'S GOING TO BE DEDICATED TO BOTH HER AND HER HUSBAND, JACK SMITH, AND THE GROUND BREAKING, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, IS THIS WEEK, AND WE'RE VERY-- IT'S SO VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT SHE DIDN'T LIVE TO SEE THE BEGINNINGS OF THIS, BECAUSE IT WAS THROUGH HER EFFORTS THAT SO MUCH OF IT HAPPENED. AND SO SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO OF HER SONS, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. AND SO I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ALL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DENISE SMITH.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, ALL MEMBERS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I DIDN'T HOLD ANY ITEMS.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE THROUGH ALL THE ITEMS. AND THEN DO
8 YOU HAVE ANY OTHER MOTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK OR ANYTHING?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DO NOT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, YOU'RE LUCKY. THAT'S NICE. BE A NICE
17 WEEK TO GO WITHOUT ANY ADJOURNMENTS. ZEV?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
20 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NATHAN AVRASHOW, WHO IS THE FATHER OF
21 WAYNE AVRASHOW, WHO USED TO BE ON MY STAFF, AND WAS CONVENTION
22 AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER. NATHAN PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY. HE WAS
23 LONG-TIME FRIEND OF OUR OFFICE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE
24 SONS: WAYNE, AUSTIN, AND CRAIG, AND TWO GRANDSONS. ALSO ASK
25 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NORMAN HAROLD GOTLIEB, WHO IS



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1 THE FATHER OF KERRY GOTLIEB SILVERSTROM OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF
2 BEACHES AND HARBORS. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY FOUR OTHER
3 CHILDREN: GLEN, HILLARY, ALISE, AND BRETT, AND FOUR
4 GRANDCHILDREN. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EVELYN
5 IDA MOGY, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 94, SURVIVED BY HER SON,
6 JOEL, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AND I ALSO WANT TO ASK THAT WE
7 ADJOURN, I KNOW MR. ANTONOVICH MADE THE ADJOURNING MOTION, BUT
8 ABE SPIEGEL PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY MORNING AND WAS A GREAT
9 LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY,
10 ACTIVE IN HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ENDEAVORS. HE HIMSELF WAS A
11 SURVIVOR OF AUSCHWITZ, HARROWING STORY OF HOW HE SURVIVED ON
12 THE DEATH MARCH. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING TO AUSCHWITZ
13 WITH HIM AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE IN-- ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO.
14 IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE'D BEEN BACK SINCE THE WAR AND IT WAS
15 QUITE A REVEALING EXPERIENCE. HE DID A LOT FOR A LOT OF
16 PEOPLE. HE FUNDED THE-- AND BUILT THE CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL AT
17 THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, WHICH IS ONE OF
18 THE MOST DRAMATIC MEMORIALS TO-- IT'S THE MOST DRAMATIC
19 MEMORIAL TO THE 1-1/2 MILLION CHILDREN WHO DIED IN THE
20 HOLOCAUST. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, HAD
21 SEVERAL BUSINESS CAREERS HERE AS A DEVELOPER, BUILDER, AND AS
22 A BANKER. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, RITA, HIS SON,
23 TOM, A NUMBER OF GRANDCHILDREN, AND HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED
24 BY ALL OF US. I KNOW MIKE KNEW HIM PERSONALLY, A NUMBER OF YOU
25 DID.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IT WILL BE-- HE'S LEFT QUITE A LEGACY.

5 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. DOES THE EXECUTIVE

8 OFFICE HAVE A COPY OF THAT ADJOURNMENT?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WILL GET IT TO YOU. JOEL IS WORKING ON IT

11 NOW. I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO READ, AND IT'S-- I WANT TO MAKE

12 A FINDING OF URGENCY BECAUSE THIS BILL IN SACRAMENTO IS BEING

13 HEARD NEXT TUESDAY, AND I BELIEVE BEFORE WE MEET, OR AT THE

14 SAME TIME WE MEET IN THE MORNING. THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

15 OF COUNTIES-- STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, C.S.A.C., AND THE

16 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ARE CO-SPONSORING LEGISLATION

17 CONCERNING THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEES. AB-

18 2293 IS INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER LOIS WALK OF DAVIS,

19 CALIFORNIA, WOULD REQUIRE A COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

20 COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMPLAINTS RELATED TO LOCAL EMERGENCY

21 MEDICAL SERVICES IN ITS COUNTY. IT WOULD EXPAND THE SCOPE OF

22 THE COMMITTEE, REQUIRE REPRESENTATION FOR THE LEAGUE OF

23 CALIFORNIA CITIES, AND REDUCE REPRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF

24 SUPERVISORS AND TO PROVIDE NO FUNDING FOR THIS NEW MANDATE.

25 C.S.A.C. AND THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ARE SEEKING TO



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1 ESTABLISH SHARED GOVERNANCE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
2 BETWEEN CITIES AND COUNTIES. UNLIKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN
3 WHICH CITIES HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED FOR YEARS ON OUR EMERGENCY
4 MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION, IN SOME COUNTIES, THERE IS NO
5 REPRESENTATION OF CITIES AT ALL. AB-2293 WOULD EITHER REQUIRE
6 L.A. COUNTY TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF ITS EXISTING E.M.S.
7 COMMISSION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE TO SERVE THE
8 PURPOSES OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, OR CREATE A
9 SEPARATE COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD DUPLICATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
10 EXISTING COMMISSION AND BE REDUNDANT AND WASTEFUL.
11 ADDITIONALLY, REPRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
12 THE COMMISSION WOULD BE REDUCED FROM FIVE TO ONE. ALTERING THE
13 COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTY'S EXISTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
14 SERVICES COMMISSION TO CONFORM TO A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL
15 PRESCRIBED MEMBERSHIP IS UNNECESSARY AND WOULD NOT REFLECT THE
16 NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE
17 COMMISSION HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CRAFTED OVER MANY YEARS OF
18 DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION TO PROVIDE BALANCED REPRESENTATION
19 OF ALL COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
20 CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CITIES. AB-2293 WOULD ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY
21 INCREASE THE COUNTY'S WORKLOAD WITH LITTLE BENEFIT OVERALL.
22 THE BILL WOULD REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW
23 ALL 121 STANDARDS IN THE E.M.S. PLAN INSTEAD OF THE THREE MOST
24 SIGNIFICANT STANDARDS AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS
25 REQUIRED TO ADDRESS ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE IT. NOTWITHSTANDING



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1 THE OBJECTIVES OF C.S.A.C. AND LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, AB
2 2293 IS UNNECESSARY IN L.A. COUNTY AND POTENTIALLY IMPOSES
3 TREMENDOUS WORKLOAD INCREASES ON OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL
4 SERVICES AGENCY WITHOUT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING. I
5 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEND A FIVE
6 SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
7 HEALTH AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
8 OPPOSING AB-2293 UNLESS AMENDED TO EXEMPT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 AND INSTRUCT THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO
10 TO PURSUE THE COUNTY'S POSITION ON THIS MEASURE.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS C.S.A.C.'S POSITION ON THIS AND ALSO
13 THE LEAGUE OF CITIES?

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND IT'S NOT GOOD
16 FOR US. I MEAN, IT'S-- WE WOULD HAVE TO TOTALLY REMAKE OUR
17 E.M.S. COMMISSION. EITHER WE ARE THE ONLY OR ONE OF THE FEW
18 COUNTIES IN THE STATE THAT HAS CITY REPRESENTATION AS WELL
19 ALREADY, AND IT WOULD DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THIS
20 COUNTY GOING BY, YOU KNOW, THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF
21 LEGISLATION. SO I WOULD, ONE, SUPPORT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
22 RECOMMENDATION, EVEN AS THIS REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS BOARD TO
23 C.S.A.C. YOU KNOW, THIS ONE SIZE FITS ALL JUST DOES NOT, IN
24 THIS PARTICULAR CASE, WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND WE NEED
25 TO BE EXEMPTED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE COUNTY'S FIVE OPINION ON THIS
3 LEGISLATION?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COUNTY'S FIVE?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRE.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRE?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY HAVE A POSITION. WE
14 DID NOT ASK THEM FOR A POSITION BUT FIRE IS QUITE AMPLY
15 REPRESENTED ON THE E.M.S. COMMISSION. ALL WE'RE ASKING, MIKE,
16 IS THAT EXEMPT L.A. COUNTY. IF THEY HAVE ISSUES WITH OTHER
17 COUNTIES, THAT'S FINE, THEY CAN DEAL WITH IT, BUT THEY SHOULD
18 NOT APPLY THAT BILL TO US.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CURRENTLY THIS BOARD HAS FIVE MEMBERS ON
21 THE E.M.S. COMMISSION. THIS LEGISLATION WOULD REDUCE OUR
22 MEMBERSHIP TO ONE, AND IT WOULD DRAMATICALLY IMPACT THE WAY WE
23 DO BUSINESS, AND WE'RE WAY AHEAD OF THE OTHER COUNTIES ON OUR
24 E.M.S. COMMISSION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY STAFF TELLS ME THAT THE FIRE CHIEF DOES
2 NOT OPPOSE IT, DOES NOT OPPOSE OUR POSITION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO THE ITEM-- FIRST, WE-- SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES URGENCY BASED ON THE FINDINGS AND THE CHAIR
6 WILL SECOND THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THEN THE
7 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. ANY
8 OBJECTIONS? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT'S-- I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
11 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MEMBERS, TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
14 IN THE MEMORY OF KATHLEEN ANN MACMONEGAL. KATHLEEN WAS BORN IN
15 JULY 1ST, 1946 IN LONG BEACH AND PASSED AWAY JUST RECENTLY ON
16 APRIL 5TH. SHE WORKED AT BAKE AND BROIL RESTAURANT ON LONG
17 BEACH FOR 21 YEARS, HAD A HUGE FOLLOWING OF LOYAL CUSTOMERS.
18 SHE WAS A ROLLERCOASTER ENTHUSIAST AND RODE OVER 200
19 ROLLERCOASTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. SHE AND HER SON WERE
20 MEMBERS OF THE ROLLERCOASTER CLUB. SHE WAS LOVED BY ALL WHO
21 KNEW HER AND WILL BE MISSED TREMENDOUSLY. YOU MAY RECOGNIZE
22 THE LAST NAME, KATHLEEN IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER AND HER SON,
23 IAN, AND BROTHERS, JOHN AND PATRICK AND MIKE MACMONEGAL OF THE
24 COUNTY, WHO RUNS OUR JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM. IT'S HIS SISTER THAT
25 PASSED AWAY. KATHLEEN WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH, UNFORTUNATELY, BY



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1 ANOTHER SISTER, MARGARET, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY SIX NIECES
2 AND NEPHEWS AND ONE GREAT-NEPHEW AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY
3 ALL. SHE HAD QUITE A FOLLOWING AT THE FUNERAL YESTERDAY. ALSO
4 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FLORENCE LEVINE, WHO IS THE
5 MOTHER OF DAVID LEVINE, WHICH MANY OF YOU KNOW. SHE WAS 79
6 YEARS OLD. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 59 YEARS, JACQUES,
7 FOUR CHILDREN AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL JOIN IN THAT.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
12 MEMORY OF BOB FOLGER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 10TH. HE WAS
13 BORN IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS. HIS FAMILY MOVED TO LONG BEACH WHEN
14 HE WAS A YOUNG BOY AND HE SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN THE
15 CITY. HE WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE COAST GUARD AND, THROUGHOUT
16 HIS YEARS, MR. FOLGER BECAME A VERY FAMILIAR FACE IN LONG
17 BEACH SPORTING EVENTS, OBVIOUSLY REGULARLY ATTENDING HIGH
18 SCHOOL AND LONG BEACH STATE GAMES. HE WAS ALSO AN AVID SKIER
19 AND GOLFER. HE WAS ALSO THE OWNER OF LONG BEACH TROPHY, AND SO
20 HE PROVIDED MANY, MANY GREAT TROPHIES AND HE WAS JUST A VERY
21 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. HE'S MARRIED TO HIS WIFE,
22 NANCY, FOR 53 YEARS. SHE PASSED AWAY THREE YEARS AGO. HE IS
23 SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN: STEVE, LINDSEY, MYLES, HIS
24 SISTERS, DONNA, PEGGY, MARY ELLEN, AND GRANDSON, NICK. BOB WAS
25 A GREAT GUY AND IS GOING TO BE MISSED BY EVERYONE. ALSO THAT



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1 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST,
2 CASEY SHEEHAN, WHO WAS KILLED ON APRIL 4TH IN IRAQ AT THE AGE
3 OF 24. HE WAS RAISED IN NORWALK AND MOVED TO VACAVILLE, WHERE
4 HE WAS A STANDOUT STUDENT, THAT WENT TO STUDY THEATRE AT
5 SALONO. HE JOINED THE ARMY IN AUGUST, REENLISTED BECAUSE HE
6 HADN'T YET MADE IT TO IRAQ. THIS MOTHER, CINDY, SAID I'M
7 TRAINING HIM READY, DON'T WORRY, AND HE WAS ALWAYS READY TO
8 SERVE. HIS SISTER, CARLEE, SAID HE WAS A ROCK, HE WAS ALWAYS
9 THE STRONG, SILENT TYPE, AND NEVER FREAKED OUT ABOUT ANYTHING.
10 HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY
11 HIS MOTHER AND HIS SISTERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
12 OF PATTY RAMSELL. PATTY IS A LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT
13 SECRETARY AND A FRIEND TO MANY IN THE DEPARTMENT. SHE PASSED
14 AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 56. SHE WAS VERY RESERVED AND QUIET
15 BUT, ONCE YOU GAINED HER CONFIDENCE, YOU KNEW YOU HAD A FRIEND
16 FOR LIFE. SHE WAS THE FOUNDATION OF THE TRAINING CENTER FOR
17 INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN HOW THINGS WERE RUN. SHE HAD A
18 PASSION ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, LOVED ANIMALS AND THE BEACH.
19 SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE LONG BEACH
20 FIRE DEPARTMENT. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALLAN
21 CARTER, A 55-YEAR-OLD LONG BEACH ATTORNEY. HE ENJOYED A CAREER
22 FULL OF INTERESTING CASES. HE INCLUDED THE PANDERING TRIAL OF
23 HOLLYWOOD MADAM HEIDI FLEIS. MET HIS WIFE, DIANA, WHO WORKS AS
24 A COURT REPORTER FOR JUDGE JOAN COMPARAKASINI DURING HIS
25 CAREER. DIANA REMEMBERS HER HUSBAND WAS NOT YOUR TYPICAL YOUNG



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1 ATTORNEY, AND HE WAS ALWAYS-- COULD RELATE TO JURORS. HIS
2 FRIENDS RECALL HIS TONGUE IN CHEEK MANNER AND HIS QUIET WIT.
3 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DIANA, A 14-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER,
4 AMANDA, HIS PARENTS, DELL AND DONNA CARTER, THREE SISTERS,
5 NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF LAVONNE KIRSCHNER, A 60-YEAR LONG BEACH RESIDENT.
7 SHE WAS A HOMEMAKER AND MANAGER FOR VAN'S SHORE STORE AND SHE
8 WAS A 47-YEAR MEMBER OF THE O.E.S., SERVING AS WORTHY MATRON
9 IN 1969 AND OFFICER OF GRAND CHAPTER IN 1972. SHE WAS A
10 CHARTER MEMBER OF STAR OF LAKEWOOD O.E.S., MERIT TEMPLE NUMBER
11 103, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
12 WALTER, SON, TERRY AND GRANDDAUGHTER, GABRIELLE. SO ORDERED.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE HAVE THE C.I.O. BEFORE THE BOARD?

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE THE C.I.O. COME FORWARD? IF I
21 COULD HAVE MY COLLEAGUES' ATTENTION? I HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED
22 THIS MORNING THAT A PERSONNEL MATTER HAS ARISEN THAT NEEDS TO
23 BE HEARD TODAY IN CLOSED SESSION, SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
24 NECESSARY FINDINGS BE APPROVED AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ



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1 INTO THE AGENDA THE ITEM FOR CLOSED SESSION. SO ORDERED.

2 SOMEONE FROM THE C.I.O.'S OFFICE HERE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN WE GO ON WITH PUBLIC COMMENT AND COME BACK?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE ALSO HAVE A-2.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S GO WITH A-2 FIRST THEN, I'M
11 SORRY.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** JUST TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE ON THE
14 BUDGET PROCESS. AS YOU RECALL IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, ONE OF
15 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BALANCING THE BUDGET WAS THE TRANSFER
16 OF 1.3 BILLION, AND FROM E.R.A.F. FOR THE PROPERTY TAXES FOR
17 L.A. COUNTY, THAT WAS GOING TO REPRESENT 289 MILLION. WHEN THE
18 L.A.L.'S OFFICE SUBMITTED THEIR REPORT ON THEIR REVIEW OF THE
19 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET, THEY OFFERED ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO
20 MEETING THAT 1.3-BILLION-DOLLAR REQUIREMENT, AND IN LINE WITH
21 THAT, C.S.A.C. HAS DEVELOPED AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL, AND WE
22 WANTED JUST TO INFORM YOUR BOARD WHAT THAT ALTERNATIVE
23 PROPOSAL IS. BASICALLY, C.S.A.C.'S BUDGET WORKING GROUP IS
24 RECOMMENDING THAT A ONE-TIME ONLY TRANSFER OF 816 MILLION, AND
25 THAT WOULD BE COMPRISED OF COUNTY'S OBLIGATION OF 200 MILLION;



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1 CITIES, 200 MILLION; SPECIAL DISTRICTS, ANOTHER 200 MILLION;
2 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, 200 MILLION; AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF
3 16 MILLION. THAT WOULD TOTAL 816 MILLION. THAT'S THE
4 ALTERNATIVE THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE CONSIDER IN
5 LIEU OF THE 1.3-BILLION-DOLLAR TRANSFER. WE'RE ALSO ASKING
6 THAT-- FOR SUPPORT OF THIS, C.S.A.C. WILL CONTINUE TO
7 PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNOR'S CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE REVIEW,
8 AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND
9 PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO
10 KEEP YOUR BOARD APPRISED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE
11 BUDGET.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JON, THIS PAST WEEK, OUR OFFICE-- I ASSUME
16 ALL THE BOARD OFFICES, THE COMPUTERS HAD A MELTDOWN, AND I
17 KNOW MY OFFICES ARE STILL NOT UP TO NORMAL. WHAT CAUSED THAT,
18 AND...

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY CAN'T YOU FIX IT?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...WHAT HAS TAKING SO LONG TO HAVE IT
23 RESTORED TO NORMAL OPERATIONS?

24



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1 **JON FULLINWIDER:** THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE BOARD EXPERIENCED
2 IN-- AND WE EXPERIENCED SIMILAR PROBLEMS AS WELL IN OUR
3 OFFICE, WERE DIFFERENT ISSUES. YOURS RELATED TO WHAT THEY CALL
4 LOSING A SERVICE CALLED ACTIVE DIRECTORY, WHICH BASICALLY
5 PROVIDES THE ABILITY FOR YOU ALL TO CONNECT TO YOUR LARGER
6 SYSTEM, ET CETERA. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT CAUSED THAT TO OCCUR.
7 THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION THAT ONE OF THE CONSULTANTS THAT
8 VIOLET HAD ENGAGED DID SOMETHING INCORRECTLY. THERE WAS
9 DIFFICULTY IN RECOVERING IT, AND THERE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE
10 DIFFICULTY IN RECOVERING IT. I MEAN, IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE
11 THE DIFFICULTY, IT'S ANOTHER THING TO FIND OUT THAT YOU CAN'T
12 RECOVER IT IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT HAS BEEN RECOVERED AT THIS
13 POINT IN TIME. THE DIFFICULTY THAT I ENCOUNTERED WAS DUE MORE
14 TO PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE THAT
15 PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE. MY SERVICES HAVE
16 BEEN RECOVERED. I THINK THE REAL ISSUE IS LONGER TERM, WHAT
17 KIND OF SUPPORT SHOULD THE BOARD ANTICIPATE RECEIVING FROM THE
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICE? VIOLET AND I HAVE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS
19 ON THIS. WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ENGAGE AN OUTSIDE
20 CONSULTANT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S COMPLETELY NECESSARY. THE
21 INTERNAL SERVICES DIVISION, I.T.S., HAS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT
22 OF STAFF AND EXPERTISE. I MEAN, WE SHOULD LOOK TO OUR OWN
23 STAFF INTERNALLY. WE KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS. I MEAN, WE'RE
24 DEALING WITH LARGE COMPLEX ORGANIZATIONS, ET CETERA. YOU KNOW,
25 ONE-- I THINK ONE OF THE REAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE IS DO WE



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1 NEED TO BASICALLY BRING A HIGHER DEGREE OF SUPPORT TO THE
2 BOARD AND DOES THE STAFF THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE WITHIN THE
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ARE THEY REALLY THE STAFF THAT SHOULD BE THE
4 ONES DIRECTED AT PROVIDING THIS, OR SHOULD THEY BE GIVEN A
5 DIFFERENT TYPE OF DIRECTION MORE IN CONCERT WITH MANAGING A
6 RATHER LARGE COMPLEX TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENT? I THINK THAT, IN
7 WORKING WITH VIOLET, AND IF WE DO ENGAGE AN OUTSIDE
8 CONSULTANT, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD
9 WITH A RECOMMENDATION, HOPEFULLY, WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, IS
10 TO EITHER FIGURE OUT HOW TO STRENGTHEN HER ORGANIZATION OR
11 MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE OVERALL
12 SERVICE THAT HER OFFICE PROVIDES POTENTIALLY BY CONTRACTING
13 OUT TO I.S.D. AND HAVE THEM PROVIDE THAT SUPPORT DIRECTLY OR A
14 COMBINATION OF BOTH SERVICES.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE IN A-- THE
17 CONSULTANT WAS IN AN AREA HE WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN AND, AS
18 A RESULT, THAT WAS, I GUESS, THE NERVE CELL, WHICH HAD
19 EVERYTHING MELT DOWN.

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21 **JON FULLINWIDER:** I DON'T KNOW IF THE CONSULTANT WAS IN A PLACE
22 HE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN OR NOT. IT'S KIND OF DIFFICULT, ONCE
23 YOU'RE DOWN IN THAT COMPUTER ROOM ENVIRONMENT, TO DETERMINE
24 WHETHER YOU SHOULD BE THERE OR YOU SHOULDN'T BE THERE ONCE YOU
25 WALK IN THE DOOR. I THINK THAT-- I THINK HE JUST MADE A



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1 MISTAKE. HE, YOU KNOW, FOR LACK OF A BETTER THING, HE HIT THE
2 WRONG BUTTON, AND IT CAUSED THE SYSTEM TO CRASH...

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS HE QUALIFIED? I MEAN...

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6 **JON FULLINWIDER:** I DON'T KNOW THAT QUESTION. I'M GOING TO
7 ASSUME THAT HE WAS QUALIFIED BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT WAS HE DOING AT THE TIME?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE BUTTON, I MEAN...?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I CAN'T BELIEVE ONE BUTTON'S...?

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT WAS HE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH ONE
18 BUTTON. YOU GET-- YOU ALWAYS GET ONE OF THESE THINGS WHEN YOU
19 DO SOMETHING SENSITIVE THAT SAYS, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO
20 THIS?

21

22 **JON FULLINWIDER:** HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER THE BOARD
23 SERVERS, APPLY SOME SOFTWARE, AND HE DID SOMETHING
24 INCORRECTLY, IT DIDN'T TAKE, AND THEN THEY LOST THE BACKUP
25 DATA AND IT TOOK THEM A WHILE TO RECOVER THAT.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I ALSO ADD, I WANT TO
3 THANK THE PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS, THE C.I.O. AND THE CHIEF
4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE
5 THROUGH THIS PROCESS. AND I-- I REALLY AM LOOKING FORWARD TO
6 HAVING AN OUTSIDE OPINION JUST TO TAKE A FRESH, NON-COUNTY,
7 MAYBE A BUSINESS-- ANOTHER BUSINESS LOOK AT IT, AND I
8 APPRECIATE WORKING WITH JON FULLINWIDER ON THIS PROJECT AND
9 LOOKING AT THE CONSULTANT AND WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SAY
10 ABOUT THE OPERATION.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT DID THE CONSULTANT WHO DID IT SAY?

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE ONE THAT PUSHED THE WRONG BUTTON?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** WHO HIT THE WRONG BUTTON, ALLEGEDLY.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WELL, HE SAID HE WAS SORRY. [LIGHT
19 LAUGHTER]

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NO, HE DIDN'T ADMIT TO IT RIGHT AWAY
22 BECAUSE WE RAN SEVERAL SYSTEMS CHECKS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW
23 IT HAPPENED, AND THEN HE FINALLY AGREED THAT HE DID DO IT. SO
24 HE'S NO LONGER HERE, OF COURSE.

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1 **JON FULLINWIDER:** ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE IS THAT, AS
2 YOU CAN IMAGINE, SUPPORTING FIVE OFFICES, PLUS SEVERAL OTHER
3 OFFICES, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAS A RATHER COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT
4 DOWN THERE, AND BRINGING IN A CONSULTANT AND WHILE THIS PERSON
5 MAY BE EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN MICROSOFT OR WHATEVER THE
6 PRODUCT IS THAT THEY'RE USING ET CETERA, WHAT THEY LACK,
7 REALLY, IS THAT KNOWLEDGE BASE OF HOW EVERYTHING INTERCONNECTS
8 AND TIES TOGETHER AND THINGS, AND THAT, YOU DON'T JUST
9 BASICALLY HAVE AN APPRECIATION FOR UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN AND
10 OPERATED IN THAT ENVIRONMENT FOR PROBABLY A MINIMUM OF 30
11 DAYS. THIS INDIVIDUAL DIDN'T HAVE THAT, AND JUST MADE SOME BAD
12 DECISIONS OUT THERE AND WE PROBABLY COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER
13 JOB IN TERMS OF MANAGING WHAT THAT INDIVIDUAL WAS DOING. I
14 WOULD LEAVE THE BOARD WITH THE FACT THAT ONE, CAN THE SOLUTION
15 BE RECTIFIED? ABSOLUTELY. DO WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES ON
16 HOW THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE PROVIDES SUPPORT TO YOUR OFFICE OR
17 JUST TO THEIR OFFICE, TO ANYBODY THAT USES THAT SERVICE? YES.
18 CAN WE BASICALLY MAKE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COME BACK TO
19 YOU ALL IN 60 DAYS? ABSOLUTELY, WE CAN DO THAT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH LONGER WILL IT TAKE BEFORE COMPUTERS
22 ARE BACK TO FULL OPERATION?

23

24 **JON FULLINWIDER:** I BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD BE BACK UP AND
25 OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF THE DAY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, MINE IS STILL NOT.

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4 **JON FULLINWIDER:** YOURS WERE STILL DOWN THIS MORNING? I WAS
5 RESTORED THIS MORNING.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE ACCESS TO MY FIELD
8 OFFICES OR STAFF.

9

10 **JON FULLINWIDER:** MY STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING WITH VIOLET'S
11 STAFF, AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS-- I WAS AWARE, WHEN I WALKED UP
12 HERE, THAT I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS COMPLETED. SO, IF IT'S
13 NOT, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS AWARE OF AS OF ABOUT 10:00 THIS
14 MORNING.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I HAD THOUGHT WE WERE ABOUT 95% UP,
17 COMPLETE, SO WE SHOULD BE THERE PRETTY SOON.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, LIKE, YESTERDAY MORNING, THERE WAS A
20 PROBLEM WITH MY CALENDAR.

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22 **JON FULLINWIDER:** I'M SORRY?

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH MY CALENDAR
25 YESTERDAY MORNING, SO WE ASKED FOR A BACKUP DATE. THEY EMPTIED



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1 IT WITHOUT, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER. AND SO, ALL OF A SUDDEN,
2 THERE'S NO CALENDAR. MY CALENDAR STOPPED ON EASTER SUNDAY. NOW
3 THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE PARTS OF IT. WE'RE NOT SURE IT'S
4 ALL THERE. WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH VERY AGGRESSIVELY AND TRY TO
5 CHECK THIS THING OUT. BUT, I MEAN...

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7 **JON FULLINWIDER:** THAT'S THE SAME DIFFICULTY THAT WE
8 EXPERIENCED IN OUR OFFICE AS WELL, SUPERVISOR.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BUT, I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A NEW
11 SYSTEM. IT'S NOT LIKE-- WHEN YOU SAY IT'S COMPLICATED, WE ALL
12 KNOW IT'S COMPLICATED, WE ALL KNOW IT'S INTEGRATED. I MEAN-- I
13 DON'T KNOW. THEY ALWAYS TELL ME ABOUT REDUNDANCY, AND WE
14 CERTAINLY DIDN'T HAVE IT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ALL THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE A GUY PRESSED
17 ONE WRONG BUTTON?

18

19 **JON FULLINWIDER:** WELL, THAT'S A FIGURE OF SPEECH. HE BASICALLY
20 EXECUTED SOMETHING HE SHOULD NOT HAVE EXECUTED IN TERMS OF
21 PROCESSING SOME TRANSACTIONS AGAINST A FILE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE PAID FOR IT, WE'RE PAYING HIM?

24

25 **JON FULLINWIDER:** YES, WE PAID FOR THIS PRIVILEGE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S A BUMPER STICKER THAT SHOULD GO ON TOP OF
3 THIS, ON THE BYLINE ON TV "STUPID SHOULD HURT".

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND IT DID.

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7 **JON FULLINWIDER:** AS I SAID, I BELIEVE THAT, BY GETTING I.S.D.
8 INVOLVED WITH THIS AND WORKING WITH VIOLET'S STAFF, WE CAN
9 MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES AND COME UP WITH SOME
10 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL CERTAINLY IMPROVE THIS.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOT AS MUCH AS WE ARE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO, FOR INSTANCE, COULD CARRY US
17 THROUGH THE PROCESS WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO
18 RESTORE, FOR INSTANCE, IN SOME OF OUR DISTRICT OFFICES OR IN
19 OUR HOME, IF WE WANTED TO RESTORE, IS THERE SOMEONE WHO CAN
20 CARRY US THROUGH A SERIES OF PROCESSES, OR DO WE HAVE TO HAVE
21 A TECHNICIAN COME OUT AND DO EACH ONE?

22

23 **JON FULLINWIDER:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S DEPENDENT, REALLY, ON THE
24 TYPE OF OUTAGE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED. CERTAINLY SOME OF THE
25 THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO BUT, FOR THE MOST PART, BASED ON MY



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1 UNDERSTANDING OF HOW YOU ALL CONNECT INTO THE COUNTY, I WOULD
2 SUGGEST THAT WE SEND SOMEBODY OUT THERE, BECAUSE THERE'S
3 TYPICALLY ISSUES RELATED TO SOFTWARE THAT'S LOADED ON YOUR
4 MACHINES, AND A SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO
5 CONNECT TO THE COUNTY'S NETWORK. IT'S USUALLY NOT THE MACHINE
6 ITSELF THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S GETTING INTO THE SYSTEM.

11

12 **JON FULLINWIDER:** WELL, I THINK THE KEY THING IS, THAT WHAT
13 IT'S REALLY BEGUN TO HIGHLIGHT IS THAT THINGS WE HAVE
14 TYPICALLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN THE PAST: E-MAIL, ACCESS TO
15 YOUR WORD PROCESSING, THINGS OF THAT NATURE ARE BASICALLY
16 CRITICAL OF THE COUNTY DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AND WE NEED TO DO
17 A BETTER JOB IN TERMS OF HOW WE MANAGE THOSE RESOURCES AND HOW
18 WE ENSURE THEY'RE A SUSTAINABLE VIABILITY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AMEN.

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** (INAUDIBLE).

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, IT CAN'T BE THAT COMPLEX IF ONE
25 BUTTON SHUT THE SYSTEM DOWN.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A FIGURE OF SPEECH.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT'S A FIGURE OF SPEECH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE SECURITY THAT HAVE IF A NON-
7 SKILLED COMPUTER PERSON CAN DO THIS.

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9 **JON FULLINWIDER:** WELL, I THINK THE KEY THING IS THAT WE
10 PROBABLY NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB, WHEN WE BRING THESE
11 CONSULTANTS IN, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY REALLY KNOW WHAT
12 THEY'RE DOING. SECONDLY, BUT EVEN IF THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE
13 DOING, THEY NEED TO BE MANAGED, AND THEY CAN'T JUST BE LEFT TO
14 THEIR OWN IDEALS AS TO HOW THEY THINK THINGS OUGHT TO RUN,
15 BECAUSE CONFIGURATIONS ARE DONE FOR A PURPOSE, AND WHETHER OR
16 WHETHER OR NOT THAT INDIVIDUAL MAY OR MAY NOT AGREE WITH THEM,
17 THAT'S WHAT'S IN PLACE AND WE NEED TO FOLLOW THAT TRACK AND
18 THAT CLEARLY WAS NOT DONE IN THIS CASE.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND AT THE TOP OF MY LIST WILL BE THE
21 SECURITY. THAT'S ONE OF MY PRIMARY CONCERNS. ALSO, WHEN WE
22 BROUGHT THIS CONSULTANT IN, WE HAD DONE SOME CHECKING ON HIS
23 BACKGROUND AND HIS EXPERIENCE, AND IT APPEARED TO US THAT HE
24 WAS COMPETENT BUT, OBVIOUSLY, WE HAD A PROBLEM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT. VELMA KIDD AND
2 RICHARD ROBINSON.

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4 **VELMA KIDD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, AND TO MY SUPERVISOR, MRS.
5 BRATHWAITE-BURKE. I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE AND I ONLY GOING TO
6 TAKE A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME. I AM KNOWN AS A HOMELESS PERSON
7 BECAUSE MY HOME WAS TAKEN FROM FRAUD AND I, MRS. BRATHWAITE-
8 BURKE ORDERED THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO DO INVESTIGATION ON OUR
9 PROPERTY. THEY INVESTIGATE FINDING THAT IT REALLY WAS FRAUD.
10 I'M HERE TO ASK THAT SOMEBODY TAKE CARE OF IT. THERE'S NO
11 REASON TO LOSE A HOME THAT YOU KNOW YOU WAS PAYING AND THEN IT
12 BE TAKEN. I'M ASKING FOR HELP.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I ASKED CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO LOOK INTO IT. THEY
17 RESPONDED THAT IT WAS '97, AND SO THAT THE TIME-- SO MUCH TIME
18 HAS EXPIRED, AND TWO ATTORNEYS THAT HAVE HANDLED IT,
19 APPARENTLY.

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21 **VELMA KIDD:** EXCUSE ME. IT WON'T BE SEVEN YEARS UNTIL OCTOBER
22 THE 23RD OF THIS YEAR.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T YOU FILE A LAWSUIT? WHY DON'T YOU FILE
25 A LAWSUIT, THEN? [OVERLAPPING VOICES]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T YOU FILE A LAWSUIT?

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4 **VELMA KIDD:** UH, I HAVE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ALREADY FILED A LAWSUIT? DID YOU LOSE?

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8 **VELMA KIDD:** WELL, I HAPPENED TO BE PUT WITH THE WRONG

9 ATTORNEY.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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13 **VELMA KIDD:** I-- I CHOSE THE WRONG ATTORNEY. THEY DIDN'T WORK

14 FOR ME, THEY WORKED FOR THE BANK.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE MORTGAGE COMPANY?

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18 **VELMA KIDD:** YES.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU LOST?

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22 **VELMA KIDD:** I WOULDN'T SAY I LOST. I HAD THE WRONG ATTORNEY.

23 THEY FILED THE WRONG PAPERS.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. DID YOU GET A JUDGMENT?



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2 **VELMA KIDD:** AGAINST ME, YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THERE IS NOTHING. I DON'T WANT
5 YOU TO THINK THAT THERE IS SOMETHING WE CAN DO. IT HAS BEEN
6 LOOKED INTO AND, IF YOU FILED YOUR OWN PERSONAL LAWSUIT, THERE
7 REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING WE CAN DO. I DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD YOU
8 TO BELIEVE THERE IS.

9

10 **VELMA KIDD:** WELL, AS I SEE ON THE WALLS OF THE CONSUMER
11 AFFAIRS, THEY SAY, "FRAUD, COME IN HERE IF YOU GOT FRAUD."

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT
14 THERE'S FRAUD, AND THE ANSWER FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS, THEY
15 CAN'T CREATE IT FOR YOU. THEY'VE RESPONDED TO YOU.

16

17 **VELMA KIDD:** EXCUSE ME. I WAS HERE ASKING FOR HELP IN '97, 11
18 OF '97. I HAD NOT, AT THAT TIME, WENT TO NO ATTORNEYS. I NEED
19 YOU JUST TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND, BEFORE YOU GIVE ME AN
20 ANSWER, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU-- I HAVE A GREAT LOSS. I
21 DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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25 **VELMA KIDD:** I THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. ROBINSON?

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4 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,
5 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER. BECAUSE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER,
6 AND I BELIEVE GOVERNMENT WORKS BEST WHEN ELECTED OFFICIALS
7 LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, MEL GIBSON'S "PASSION OF THE CHRIST"
8 MUST BE PLACED IN PERSPECTIVE. SIR. BECAUSE I HAD THE HONOR OF
9 SITTING ALONG WITH MEL, HIS HAMLET STICKS IN MIND. HOWEVER,
10 ORGANIZED RELIGION HAS BECOME A SHAM. HIS CURRENT MOVIE IS
11 SPLITTING THE CHURCH ASUNDER BECAUSE THE OLD TESTAMENT TELLS
12 THAT JESUS IS NOT TO BE MISREPRESENTED. THE NEW TESTAMENT IS
13 MORE PRECISE. IN THE BOOK OF ACTS, CHAPTER 17 AND VERSE 29, WE
14 READ THAT THE LORD IS NOT TO BE REPRESENTED BY ART. "THOU
15 SHALT MAKE NO GRAVEN IMAGE UNTO THE LORD". IN 1ST JOHN CHAPTER
16 5, AND VERSE 21, WE ARE AGAIN TOLD, "CHILDREN, BEWARE OF
17 IDOLS". AGAIN, GRAVEN IMAGES. WE ARE AWARE THAT GOD, IN THE
18 FLESH, WAS BEATEN AND CRUCIFIED. THAT'S-- TODAY'S EXPLICIT
19 MOVIES ARE SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE. MORE THAN ONE YOUNG
20 PERSON IS SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP, COUNSELING. BALANCE IN
21 MEL'S CURRENT MOVIE IS MISSING BECAUSE MONEY-MAKING HAS BECOME
22 THE CURRENT MESSAGE. I KNOW MR. GIBSON IS A BELIEVER. I'M NOT
23 ARGUING THAT. IT'S JUST THAT THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE CURRENCY
24 OF CURRENT MOVIE-MAKING, THE STAFF OF LEGITIMACY HAS LOST ITS
25 COIN. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED
3 SESSION, PLEASE.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
6 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
8 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION
9 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, AND THE ADDITION OF CS-2,
10 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 TO MEET WITH THE
11 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON A PERSONNEL
12 MATTER. THANK YOU.

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